

House Bill 288 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Dempsey of the 13<sup>th</sup>, Tanner of the 9<sup>th</sup>, Epps of the 144<sup>th</sup>, Gardner of the 57<sup>th</sup>, Reeves of the 34<sup>th</sup>, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 37-2-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 Behavioral Health Coordinating Council, membership, meetings and obligations, so as to  
3 provide for two additional members to serve on the behavioral health coordinating council;  
4 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 37-2-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Behavioral  
8 Health Coordinating Council, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

9 "(a) There is created the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council. The council shall  
10 consist of the commissioner of behavioral health and developmental disabilities; the  
11 commissioner of community health; the commissioner of public health; the commissioner  
12 of human services; the commissioner of juvenile justice; the commissioner of corrections;  
13 the commissioner of community affairs; the Commissioner of Labor; the State School  
14 Superintendent; the chairperson of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles; two members,  
15 appointed by the Governor; the ombudsman appointed pursuant to Code Section 37-2-32;  
16 an adult consumer of public behavioral health services, appointed by the Governor; a  
17 family member of a consumer of public behavioral health services, appointed by the  
18 Governor; a parent of a child receiving public behavioral health services, appointed by the  
19 Governor; a member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the  
20 House of Representatives; and a member of the Senate, appointed by the Lieutenant  
21 Governor."

22 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.