

House Bill 490 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Subpart 2 of Part 6 of Article 17 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of  
2 Georgia Annotated, relating to health insurance plans for public school teachers, so as to  
3 revise coverage for employees of county and regional libraries; to provide for related matters;  
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 Subpart 2 of Part 6 of Article 17 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia  
8 Annotated, relating to health insurance plans for public school teachers, is amended by  
9 revising paragraph (4) of Code Section 20-2-880, relating to definitions, as follows:

10 "(4) 'Public school teacher,' 'teacher,' and 'employee' mean any person employed not less  
11 than half time in a professionally certificated capacity or position in the public school  
12 systems of this state. 'Public school teacher,' 'teacher,' and 'employee' also mean  
13 librarians and other personnel employed not less than 30 hours per week by regional and  
14 county libraries. 'Public school teacher,' 'teacher,' and 'employee' also mean personnel  
15 employed by ~~or~~ the high school program of Georgia Military College. 'Public school  
16 teacher,' 'teacher,' and 'employee' also mean any professionally certificated person who  
17 has acquired ten years or more of creditable service and who is being paid retirement  
18 benefits by the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, Chapter 3 of Title 47, or by any  
19 other public school teacher retirement system in this state. 'Public school teacher,'  
20 'teacher,' and 'employee' also mean any person employed not less than half time and  
21 compensated in a professionally certificated capacity or position in a charter school in  
22 this state established pursuant to Article 31 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 if such charter school  
23 elects upon initial approval of its charter or, if such charter school is an existing charter  
24 school, elects upon notice by the health insurance plan provided in this part or upon the  
25 expiration of its current health care plan or by no later than December 31, 2009, to  
26 participate in the health insurance plan established pursuant to this subpart. 'Public

27 school teacher,' teacher,' and 'employee' shall not be deemed to include any emergency  
28 or temporary employee. Notwithstanding this definition or any other provision of this  
29 subpart, the board may, by regulation, make available to employees who work 17 1/2  
30 hours or more per week such benefits as are required to be made available to such  
31 employees by regulations of the United States Internal Revenue Service or any other  
32 federal authority."

33 **SECTION 2.**

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