

Senate Bill 391

By: Senators Balfour of the 9th, Harbison of the 15th, Hill of the 6th, Davis of the 22nd and Dugan of the 30th

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to regulation of hospitals and related institutions, so as to provide that each medical
3 facility shall make a good faith application to the southern regional TRICARE managed care
4 support coordinator to join the TRICARE program; to amend Code Section 48-7-27 of the
5 Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to computation of taxable net income for
6 Georgia income tax purposes, so as to provide a limited deduction for certain medical core
7 clerkships; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **PART I**
10 **SECTION 1-1.**

11 Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
12 regulation of hospitals and related institutions, is amended by adding a new Code section to
13 read as follows:

14 "31-7-20.

15 (a) Each medical facility in this state shall, not later than July 1, 2015, make a good faith
16 application to the southern regional TRICARE managed care support contractor for
17 certification in the TRICARE program.

18 (b) If any medical facility fails to qualify for certification in the TRICARE program, such
19 medical facility shall implement a plan to upgrade the facility, equipment, personnel, or
20 such other cause for the disqualification within one year of notice of such deficiency.

21 (c) Each medical facility shall submit reports to the commissioner detailing its efforts to
22 join the TRICARE program and shall submit copies of applications, acceptances or
23 rejections, correspondences, and any other information the commissioner deems necessary.

24 (d) The commissioner shall maintain files on each medical facility in this state and shall
25 monitor each medical facility's efforts to join the TRICARE program.

26 (e) Nothing in this Code section shall require a medical facility to enter into a contract with
 27 the southern regional managed care support contractor or to participate in TRICARE as a
 28 network provider or as a participating non-network provider, as such terms are defined in
 29 the federal TRICARE regulations."

30 **PART II**

31 **SECTION 2-1.**

32 Code Section 48-7-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to computation of
 33 taxable net income for Georgia income tax purposes, is amended by adding a new paragraph
 34 to subsection (a) to read as follows:

35 "(13.2)(A) An amount equal to \$1,000.00 for any physician who served as the
 36 community based faculty physician for a medical core clerkship provided by
 37 community based faculty.

38 (B) An amount equal to \$1,000.00 for any physician who served as the community
 39 based faculty physician for a physician assistant core clerkship provided by community
 40 based faculty.

41 (C) An amount equal to \$1,000.00 for any physician who served as the community
 42 based faculty physician for a nurse practitioner core clerkship provided by community
 43 based faculty.

44 (D) As used in this paragraph, the term:

45 (i) 'Community based faculty physician' means a noncompensated physician who
 46 provides a minimum of three and a maximum of ten clerkships within a calendar year.

47 (ii) 'Medical core clerkship,' 'physician assistant core clerkship,' or 'nurse practitioner
 48 core clerkship' means a clerkship for a student who is enrolled in a Georgia medical
 49 school, a Georgia physician assistant school, or a Georgia nurse practitioner school
 50 and who completes a minimum of 160 hours of community based instruction in
 51 family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, emergency
 52 medicine, psychiatry, or general surgery under the guidance of a community based
 53 faculty physician.

54 (E) The state-wide Area Health Education Centers Program Office at Georgia Regents
 55 University shall administer the program and certify rotations for the department.

56 (F) This paragraph shall apply to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1,
 57 2014."

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PART III

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SECTION 3-1.

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