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Honorable Jack Hill Chairman, Senate Appropriations 324-B Coverdell Legislative Office Building Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note

Senate Bill 339 (LC 33 8127)

Dear Chairman Hill:

The bill requires the Department of Community Health (DCH) to conduct a design and actuarial study to establish, implement, and maintain a Medicaid public option network to provide health coverage to individuals who are ineligible for Medicare, Medicaid, or PeachCare for Kids. The bill requires the study to be completed and submitted to the General Assembly no later than October 31, 2020.

The cost of a design and actuarial study is estimated to be between \$100,000 and \$125,000. This represents a vendor's estimate to assist DCH with the design and actual study, which would include the following services:

- To provide for the establishment of the network
- To provide requirements for the design of the network
- To provide requirements for the administration and implementation of the program
- To provide for rules and regulations
- To provide for a design and actuarial study
- To provide for contingent effectiveness and automatic repeal; to provide for related matters

DCH is not expected to incur any additional staffing costs related to coordinating the completion of this study.

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Sincerely,

Greg S. Griffin State Auditor

Kelly Farr, Director Office of Planning and Budget

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