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TITLE 31: HEALTH**SB 56 (Act No. 1460); Effective April 12, 1986; *Regulation and Construction of Hospitals***

O.C.G.A. § 31-7-75.1 provides that the proceeds from the sale of local public hospitals which are sold to "for profit" hospital corporations be placed in an irrevocable interest-bearing account to be used exclusively to pay for indigent medical care. If the amount in the fund is less than \$100,000, the principal may be used for indigent care. O.C.G.A. § 31-7-75.1(b) supplies a formula for determining equitable division of proceeds of sales involving more than one political subdivision. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 31-7-75.1(c), indigency is determined using the formula provided by O.C.G.A. § 31-8-43 (Supp. 1986). O.C.G.A. § 37-7-75.1(d) proscribes local law allowing proceeds to be used in any other manner.

HB 1420 (Act No. 1490); *Day Care Centers/Personal Care Homes: Employee Record Checks*

This Act amends paragraph (14) of O.C.G.A. § 31-7-250 and paragraph (16) of O.C.G.A. § 49-5-60 by authorizing the Department of Human Resources to establish records search fees. Prior law set a twelve dollar ceiling for such fees.

HB 1189 (Act No. 1589); *Operation of Bathhouses*

The Act adds a new subsection (a) to O.C.G.A. § 31-12-11 which prohibits the operation of bathhouses where illegal sexual activity is permitted by the owners, managers or employees. The Act further allows the Department of Human Resources and county boards of health to inspect any bathhouse and to obtain injunctive relief to prevent its operation if illegal activity is being conducted on its premises. A misdemeanor penalty is provided for the operation of such illegal establishments.