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**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2015 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to Original Senate Bill No. 167 by Senator Buffington

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, delete "amend and reenact R.S. 46:460.52" and insert "enact R.S.  
3 46:2762"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, line 2, after "Program;" delete the remainder of the line and line 3 in its entirety  
6 and insert:

7 "to provide for uncompensated care costs for hospital inpatient acute care services; to require  
8 a methodology for reimbursing uncompensated care costs; to provide for legislative  
9 oversight; and to provide for related matters."

10 AMENDMENT NO. 3

11 On page 1, line 5, change "46:460.52 is hereby amended and reenacted" to "46:2762 is  
12 hereby enacted"

13 AMENDMENT NO. 4

14 On page 1, delete lines 6 through 9, and insert:

15 **§2762. Methodology for reimbursing uncompensated care costs for hospital**  
16 **inpatient acute care service**

17 **A. Prior to August first of each year, the Department of Health and**  
18 **Hospitals shall annually develop and implement a methodology for reimbursing**  
19 **uncompensated care costs for inpatient services provided in nonrural acute care**  
20 **hospitals in any parish having a population of not less than one hundred**  
21 **fourteen thousand and not more than one hundred eighteen thousand according**  
22 **to the latest federal decennial census or having a population of not less than two**  
23 **hundred forty-five thousand and not more than three hundred thousand**  
24 **according to the latest federal decennial census. The methodology developed by**  
25 **the department shall be reviewed and approved by the House Committee on**  
26 **Health and Welfare and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare prior to**  
27 **implementation. The department shall calculate the increase in total**  
28 **uncompensated care costs of each noncooperative endeavor agreement hospital**  
29 **over the uncompensated care costs of the same hospital in 2012. Subject to**  
30 **approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the department**  
31 **shall use this calculation to develop and implement a methodology for**  
32 **reimbursing each noncooperative endeavor agreement hospital the amount of**  
33 **the increase in uncompensated care costs. Reimbursements to the cooperative**  
34 **endeavor agreement hospital shall be considered a payment to the cooperative**  
35 **endeavor agreement hospital and therefore, shall reduce the amount payable**  
36 **directly or indirectly to the noncooperative endeavor agreement hospital.**

37 **B. For purposes of this Section, the term "noncooperative endeavor**  
38 **agreement hospital" shall mean a nonrural acute care hospital pursuant to**  
39 **Subsection A of this Section that has not entered into a cooperative endeavor**  
40 **agreement with the state for the provision of indigent inpatient acute care**  
41 **services. The term "cooperative endeavor agreement hospital" shall mean a**  
42 **nonrural acute care hospital or other organization pursuant to Subsection A of**

1 **this Section that has entered into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the**  
2 **state for the provision of indigent inpatient acute care services."**