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**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2021 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to Reengrossed House Concurrent Resolution No. 2 by Representative Schexnayder

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**1** AMENDMENT NO. 1**2** On page 3, at the end of line 2, insert the following:**3** "Subject to the approval of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, any hospital  
**4** with thirty-two or fewer beds shall be exempt from the hospital assessment."**5** AMENDMENT NO. 2**6** On page 3, at the beginning of line 25, before "The" insert "(A)"**7** AMENDMENT NO. 3**8** On page 3, at the end of line 28, insert the following:

**9** " Provided, however, the Louisiana Department of Health shall model various  
**10** Medicaid financing options utilizing hospital provider fees, intergovernmental transfers,  
**11** certified public expenditures, and other means necessary to finance the Louisiana Medicaid  
**12** hospital reimbursement system. The hospital reimbursement options shall be formulated  
**13** publicly with proper input from individual hospitals. Additionally, all options shall be  
**14** accountable to patients and taxpayers. Additionally, all options shall follow evidence-based  
**15** and best practices. Additionally, all options shall contain reimbursement rates that are fair,  
**16** equitable, and based on diagnoses. Additionally, all options shall protect the Rural Hospital  
**17** Preservation Act and maximize reimbursement to qualifying hospitals. Additionally, all  
**18** options shall demonstrate financial sustainability over the long-term. Additionally, all  
**19** options shall acknowledge and attempt to consider any recommendations from the  
**20** COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force to address health care disparities. The Louisiana  
**21** Department of Health shall provide reports providing details of these proposed options to  
**22** the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget in the months of October, December, and  
**23** February Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Additionally, the Louisiana Department of Health shall  
**24** work with the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee as requested by the chairman in the  
**25** development of these options and reports."

**26** AMENDMENT NO. 4**27** On page 3, after line 28, insert the following:

**28** " (B) The legislative auditor is hereby authorized and directed to collect all information  
**29** necessary from the Louisiana Department of Health; hospitals; consultants retained by the  
**30** Louisiana Department of Health, a hospital, a group of hospitals, or corporate owner or  
**31** operator of a hospital; or any other entity to complete a detailed analysis of the Medicaid  
**32** hospital reimbursement methodology and supplemental payment programs. Further, the  
**33** legislative auditor shall provide all information collected and the subsequent analysis to the  
**34** legislature for review."