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Senator Mitchell moved the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 9, between lines 2 and 3,

insert:

Section 3. Present subsections (3) and (4) of section 154.306, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (4) and (5), respectively, and a new subsection (3) is added to that section, to read:

154.306 Financial responsibility for certified residents who are qualified indigent patients treated at an out-of-county participating hospital or regional referral hospital.--Ultimate financial responsibility for treatment received at a participating hospital or a regional referral hospital by a qualified indigent patient who is a certified resident of a county in the State of Florida, but is not a resident of the county in which the participating hospital or regional referral hospital is located, is the obligation of the county of which the qualified indigent patient is a resident. Each county shall reimburse participating hospitals

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1 or regional referral hospitals as provided for in this part,  
2 and shall provide or arrange for indigent eligibility  
3 determination procedures and resident certification  
4 determination procedures as provided for in rules developed to  
5 implement this part. The agency, or any county determining  
6 eligibility of a qualified indigent, shall provide to the  
7 county of residence, upon request, a copy of any documents,  
8 forms, or other information, as determined by rule, which may  
9 be used in making an eligibility determination.

10 (3) For the purpose of computing the maximum amount  
11 that a county at or below 100,000 in population may be  
12 required to pay, the agency must reduce the official state  
13 population estimates by the number of inmates and patients  
14 residing in the county in institutions operated by the Federal  
15 Government, the Department of Corrections, the Department of  
16 Health, or the Department of Children and Family Services, and  
17 by the number of active-duty military personnel residing in  
18 the county, all of whom shall shall not be considered  
19 residents of the county, provided that the county agrees to  
20 accept such documents, forms, or other information used to  
21 certify financial eligibility and county residency, provided  
22 by the participating hospital or regional referral hospital to  
23 the county of residence as valid and true without requiring  
24 reverification by the county of residence, and provided such  
25 documentation is complete and in the form required by s.  
26 154.3105.

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28 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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2 And the title is amended as follows:

3 On page 2, line 1, after the semicolon,

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5 insert:

6 amending s. 154.306, F.S.; requiring that  
7 counties accept specified documents, forms, and  
8 other information provided by participating  
9 hospital or regional referral hospital;  
10 providing for excluding active-duty military  
11 personnel and certain institutionalized county  
12 residents from state population estimates when  
13 calculating a county's financial responsibility  
14 for hospitals' treatment of the specific  
15 county's indigent residents;

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