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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to financial responsibility for
3	indigent hospital patients; amending s.
4	154.306, F.S.; requiring that counties accept
5	specified documents, forms, and other
6	information provided by participating hospital
7	or regional referral hospital; providing for
8	excluding active-duty military personnel and
9	certain institutionalized county residents from
10	state population estimates when calculating a
11	county's financial responsibility for
12	hospitals' treatment of the specific county's
13	indigent residents; providing an effective
14	date.
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16	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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18	Section 1. Present subsections (3) and (4) of section
19	154.306, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (4)
20	and (5), respectively, and a new subsection (3) is added to
21	that section, to read:
22	154.306 Financial responsibility for certified
23	residents who are qualified indigent patients treated at an
24	out-of-county participating hospital or regional referral
25	hospital.--Ultimate financial responsibility for treatment
26	received at a participating hospital or a regional referral
27	hospital by a qualified indigent patient who is a certified
28	resident of a county in the State of Florida, but is not a
29	resident of the county in which the participating hospital or
30	regional referral hospital is located, is the obligation of
31	the county of which the qualified indigent patient is a

 1 │ resident. Each county shall reimburse participating hospitals
 2 │ or regional referral hospitals as provided for in this part,
 3 │ and shall provide or arrange for indigent eligibility
 4 │ determination procedures and resident certification
 5 │ determination procedures as provided for in rules developed to
 6 │ implement this part. The agency, or any county determining
 7 │ eligibility of a qualified indigent, shall provide to the
 8 │ county of residence, upon request, a copy of any documents,
 9 │ forms, or other information, as determined by rule, which may
10 │ be used in making an eligibility determination.
11 │   (3) For the purpose of computing the maximum amount
12 │ that a county at or below 100,000 in population may be
13 │ required to pay, the agency must reduce the official state
14 │ population estimates by the number of inmates and patients
15 │ residing in the county in institutions operated by the Federal
16 │ Government, the Department of Corrections, the Department of
17 │ Health, or the Department of Children and Family Services, and
18 │ by the number of active-duty military personnel residing in
19 │ the county, all of whom shall shall not be considered
20 │ residents of the county, provided that the county agrees to
21 │ accept such documents, forms, or other information used to
22 │ certify financial eligibility and county residency, provided
23 │ by the participating hospital or regional referral hospital to
24 │ the county of residence as valid and true without requiring
25 │ reverification by the county of residence, and provided such
26 │ documentation is complete and in the form required by s.
27 │ 154.3105.
28 │   Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.
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CODING: Words ~~stricken~~ are deletions; words underlined are additions.

1   STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
                            COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
2   SB 2284

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4   The CS applies the new population calculations only to
     counties at or below 100,000 in population, provided the
5   counties agree to accept certain reimbursement requests from
     the hospitals, without reverification, under specified
6   conditions.

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