

Amendment No. 01 (for drafter's use only)

	<u>Senate</u>	CHAMBER ACTION	<u>House</u>
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11 The Committee on Health & Human Services Appropriations  
12 offered the following:

14 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

15 On page 2, line 2,

17 insert:

18 Section 1. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 154.306,  
19 Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (4) and (5),  
20 respectively, and a new subsection (3) is added to said  
21 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

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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 having a population of 100,000 or less 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, none of whom shall be considered residents of the  
20 county. However, a county is entitled to receive the benefit  
21 of such a reduction in estimated population figures only if  
22 the county accepts as valid and true, and does not require any  
23 reverification of, the documentation of financial eligibility  
24 and county residency which is provided to it by the  
25 participating hospital or regional referral hospital. The  
26 participating hospital or regional referral hospital must  
27 provide documentation that is complete and in the form  
28 required by s. 154.3105.

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2 And the title is amended as follows:  
3       On page 1, line 2,  
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5 insert:  
6       amending s. 154.306, F.S.; providing procedures  
7       for computing the maximum amount that specified  
8       counties must pay for the treatment of an  
9       indigent resident of the county at a hospital  
10       located outside the county; providing for the  
11       exclusion of active-duty military personnel and  
12       certain institutionalized county residents from  
13       state population estimates when calculating a  
14       county's financial responsibility for such  
15       hospital care; requiring the county of  
16       residence to accept the hospital's  
17       documentation of financial eligibility and  
18       county residence; requiring that the  
19       documentation meet specified criteria;  
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