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11 Senator Peaden moved the following amendment:

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13 **Senate Amendment**

14 On page 15, line 24, through
15 page 16, line 16 delete those lines

17 and insert: councils, and regional education consortia with
18 technological expertise in continuing education shall
19 participate in the rural health networks' preparation of
20 long-range development plans. The Department of Health may
21 require written memoranda of agreement between a network and
22 an area health education center or health planning council.

23 (b) Rural health networks shall initiate activities,
24 in coordination with area health education centers, to carry
25 out the objectives of the adopted long-range development plan,
26 including continuing education for health care practitioners
27 performing functions such as disease management, continuous
28 quality improvement, telemedicine, long-distance learning, and
29 the treatment of chronic illness using standards of care. As
30 used in this section, the term "telemedicine" means the use of
31 telecommunications to deliver or expedite the delivery of

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1 health care services.

2 (c) Health planning councils shall support the
3 preparation of network long-range development plans through
4 data collection and analysis in order to assess the health
5 status of area residents and the capacity of local health
6 services.

7 (d) Regional education consortia that have the
8 technology available to assist rural health networks in
9 establishing systems for exchange of patient information and
10 for long-distance learning are encouraged to provide technical
11 assistance

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