

Amendment No.

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	_____	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	_____	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	_____	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	_____	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	_____	(Y/N)
OTHER		

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Health Quality
 2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Williamson offered the following:

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5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove lines 42-60 and insert:

7 and on criteria established by the department.

8 (3) GRANT ELIGIBILITY.—In order to be eligible for a grant
 9 award, a hospital must be a rural hospital, as defined in s.
 10 395.602, and must demonstrate that:

11 (a) Grant funds are necessary to maintain or improve the
 12 quality of its health care services;

13 (b) There is a return on investment to the taxpayers of
 14 this state; and

15 (c) A satisfactory recordkeeping system will be in place
 16 to account for the expenditures of grant funds within the rural

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17 county.

18 (4) AWARD OF GRANTS.—The department shall establish by
19 rule a grant application process and criteria for the evaluation
20 of applications. The department shall score and rank grant
21 applications based on criteria that must include, at a minimum,
22 the following:

23 (a) The social and economic benefit to the surrounding
24 community.

25 (b) The promotion of economic development in the
26 surrounding community.

27 (c) The expansion of available services to the underserved
28 populations in the community.

29 (d) The availability of private or public matching funds,
30 or in-kind contributions, for the requested grant funds.

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33 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

34 Remove lines 9-10 and insert:
35 eligibility; providing criteria for grant application
36 ranking; establishing allowable use of funds;
37 requiring the department to submit an