

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 51st Legislature (2008)

3 HOUSE BILL 3368

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to higher education; amending 70 O.S.
8 2001, Section 3424.1, as amended by Section 1,
9 Chapter 143, O.S.L. 2005 (70 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section
10 3424.1), which relates to the Oklahoma Rural Health
11 Policy and Research Center; clarifying statutory
12 language; and providing an effective date.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 3424.1, as
15 amended by Section 1, Chapter 143, O.S.L. 2005 (70 O.S. Supp. 2007,
16 Section 3424.1), is amended to read as follows:

17 Section 3424.1 A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Rural
18 Health Policy and Research Center at the Oklahoma State University
19 College of Osteopathic Medicine.

20 B. 1. The mission of the Oklahoma Rural Health Policy and
21 Research Center shall be to:

- 22 a. improve rural health care delivery in ~~Oklahoma~~ the
23 state through the coordination of rural medical
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1 education, telemedicine, research, and health care
2 policy, and

3 b. establish a process for the following types of
4 hospitals to request designation as a rural health
5 care delivery system through the Oklahoma Rural Health
6 Policy and Research Center:

7 (1) a rural hospital located in a metropolitan
8 statistical area, and

9 (2) a hospital located in an administrative area that
10 is administratively designated as urban or
11 nonrural.

12 2. A hospital located in a metropolitan statistical area or an
13 area administratively designated as urban or nonrural that requests
14 designation as a rural health care delivery system shall meet at
15 least two of the following criteria:

16 a. be located in a county with a population density of
17 less than two hundred twenty-five (225) persons per
18 square mile of land area,

19 b. be located in a county with a municipality of twenty-
20 five thousand (25,000) persons or fewer, excluding the
21 major city designated as urban or nonrural, or

22 c. be the only hospital located in a county.
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SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2008.

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