

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB1321 _____
 _____ Of the printed Bill
 Page _____ Section _____ Lines _____
 _____ Of the Engrossed Bill

By striking the Title, the Enacting Clause, the entire bill, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Amendment submitted by: Charles McCall

Adopted: _____

Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 PROPOSED COMMITTEE
4 SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1321

By: McCall

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9 PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

10 An Act relating to emergency room services; creating
11 the Rural Emergency Room Access to Care and
12 Facilities Improvements Act; authorizing citation;
13 providing legislative findings; creating the Rural
14 Emergency Room Access to Care and Facilities
15 Improvements Revolving Fund; assigning the Fund to
16 the State Department of Health; establishing fund
17 characteristics; authorizing and limiting the
18 utilization of deposits; defining terms; authorizing
19 the awarding of grants to certain hospitals; limiting
20 amounts of awards based on provided criteria;
21 limiting grant awards to certain balance; authorizing
22 the promulgation of rules; providing for
23 noncodification; providing for codification;
24 providing an effective date; and declaring an
emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

1 A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Rural
2 Emergency Room Access to Care and Facilities Improvements Act".

3 B. The Legislature hereby finds that access to reliable,
4 adequate, and available emergency room care throughout the state is
5 beneficial to the state and its citizens and must be secured.

6 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
7 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-2740 of Title 63, unless there
8 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

9 A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving
10 fund for the State Department of Health to be designated the "Rural
11 Emergency Room Access to Care and Facilities Improvements Revolving
12 Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal
13 year limitations, and shall consist of all monies legally directed
14 for deposit to the fund. All monies accruing to the credit of said
15 fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the
16 State Department of Health for the purpose of providing grants to
17 qualifying facilities in accordance with the provisions and
18 limitations of subsections C and D of this section. Expenditures
19 from said fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State
20 Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the
21 Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for
22 approval and payment.

23 B. As used in the Rural Emergency Room Access to Care and
24 Facilities Improvements Act:

1 1. "Qualifying facilities" means a hospital located in a county
2 with a population less than 50,000 as reported in the most recent
3 Federal Decennial Census published by the United States Census
4 Bureau; and

5 2. "Qualified emergency room physician" means a board-certified
6 emergency room physician.

7 C. From any available, unencumbered balance in the Rural
8 Emergency Room Access to Care and Facilities Improvements Revolving
9 Fund, the State Department of Health is authorized to award grants
10 to qualifying hospitals as follows:

11 1. For qualifying hospitals staffing qualified emergency room
12 physicians at least fifty percent (50%) of facility's operating
13 hours, an annual grant amount shall not exceed One Million Dollars
14 (\$1,000,000.00); and

15 2. For qualifying hospitals staffing qualified emergency room
16 physicians for less than fifty percent (50%) of facility operating
17 hours, an annual grant amount shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand
18 Dollars (\$500,000.00).

19 D. No grant shall be awarded or paid under the provisions of
20 this act that would exceed the available, unencumbered balance of
21 the Rural Emergency Room Access to Care and Facilities Improvements
22 Act.

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1 E. The State Department of Health may promulgate rules as
2 needed to implement the provisions of the Rural Emergency Room
3 Access to Care and Facilities Improvements Act.

4 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

5 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
6 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
7 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
8 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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