

1 HB446  
2 191531-4  
3 By Representatives Shedd, Standridge, Morrow, Farley and  
4 Warren  
5 RFD: Urban and Rural Development  
6 First Read: 22-FEB-18



1 (2) RESOURCE CENTER. The Rural Hospital Resource  
2 Center of the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

3 (3) RURAL. Located in one of the following:

4 a. An area designated as a shortage area as defined  
5 in 42 C.F.R. § 491.5(c) and (d); or

6 b. A rural area as defined by the Federal Office of  
7 Rural Health Policy.

8 (d) The resource center shall do all of the  
9 following:

10 (1) Hire necessary staff.

11 ~~(2) Act as a resource for the Alabama Rural Hospital~~  
12 ~~Global Budget Board, which includes providing technical~~  
13 ~~assistance and assisting in the development of global~~  
14 ~~payments.~~

15 ~~(3)~~ (2) Annually submit a report to the Legislature,  
16 State Finance Director, and Medicaid Commissioner regarding  
17 the effectiveness of the resource center. The report shall  
18 include all of the following:

19 a. The financial improvement of participating  
20 hospitals.

21 b. Satisfaction survey results from the management  
22 team and board of directors of each participating hospital.

23 c. Improvements in the quality of participating  
24 hospitals.

25 d. Improvements in access to care.

26 e. Improvements in health status.

1           ~~(4)~~ (3) Establish a rural administrative residency  
2 program by working with the Graduate Program in Health  
3 Administration of the University of Alabama at Birmingham and  
4 pursuing funding for administrative residents who wish to work  
5 in rural health care.

6           (e) The resource center may provide support to  
7 participating eligible hospitals in all of the following  
8 ~~areas, with priority being given to hospitals participating in~~  
9 ~~the global budget model:~~ areas:

10           (1) Compliance.

11           (2) Coding.

12           (3) Purchasing and supply chain.

13           (4) Quality.

14           (5) Strategic planning.

15           (6) Provider recruitment.

16           (7) Cost report.

17           (8) Insurance.

18           (9) Any other area that furthers the purpose of the  
19 resource center.

20           Section 2. The obligations imposed by this act shall  
21 not be implemented within the University of Alabama at  
22 Birmingham until formally approved by the University of  
23 Alabama at Birmingham and sufficient funds for the purposes  
24 set forth in this act are provided through the Governor or  
25 appropriated by the Legislature, and thereafter shall only be  
26 implemented to the extent that funds are appropriated.

1                   Section 3. This act shall become effective  
2 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
3 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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House of Representatives

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Yeas 101, Nays 0, Abstains 0

Jeff Woodard  
Clerk