
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE AMENDMENTS

2015 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Representative Edwards in the Committee of the Whole House to
Engrossed House Bill No. 1 by Representative Fannin

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 76, between lines 29 and 30, insert the following:

3 "Provided, however, that the Department of Health and Hospitals is directed to conform the
4 eligibility standards of the Medicaid program administered by the state to the minimum
5 standards provided in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148).
6 The secretary of the department may implement the expansion of the Medicaid program in
7 a manner that is the same as or substantially similar to any state expansion program already
8 approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services which allows newly eligible
9 Medicaid beneficiaries to acquire insurance policies from private insurers.

10 The commissioner of administration is hereby authorized and directed to utilize any State
11 General Fund (Direct) realized from the expansion of eligibility in the Medicaid program as
12 provided in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act for the purpose of making
13 payments to partner hospitals. Further, the commissioner of administration is hereby
14 authorized and directed to transfer funding between programs to ensure that the budget unit
15 shall fully utilize and maximize State General Fund (Direct) funding as a result of any
16 savings realized from the expansion of eligibility as provided in the Patient Protection and
17 Affordable Care Act for the purpose of making payments to partner hospitals."