

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **80th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1995**
4 **By: Representative Flanagin**

A Bill

ACT 1088 OF 1995
HOUSE BILL 1035

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE §§ 20-12-202 AND 20-12-203
9 TO EXCLUDE POPULATION AS A MEASURE FOR DESIGNATING A RURAL
10 AREA AS NEEDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR MEDICAL CARE; AND
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

14 "TO EXCLUDE POPULATION AS A MEASURE FOR
15 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO OBTAIN MEDICAL
16 CARE."

18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-12-202 is hereby amended to read as
21 follows:

22 "20-12-202. Definitions. As used in this subchapter, unless the
23 context otherwise requires:

24 (1) Board shall mean the State Board of Finance of the State of
25 Arkansas;

26 (2) Rural area shall mean any city, town, or other area having a
27 population of fifteen thousand (15,000) inhabitants or less, according to the
28 1990 Decennial Federal Census. The census from federal or state penal
29 institutions, federal or state human service institutions, institutions of
30 higher education or any similar facility shall not be included in the census
31 figure when defining a city, town, or other area under this subchapter;

32 (3) Fund shall mean the Rural Medical Clinic Revolving Loan Fund as
33 established in this subchapter;

34 (4) Rural medical clinic loans shall mean loans in sums not to exceed
35 one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) in the aggregate, to be used
36 exclusively for land acquisition or for the construction, reconstruction,

1 repair, or expansion of a building to be used as a medical clinic in a rural
2 area and the acquisition and installation of equipment therein."

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4 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-12-203 is amended by adding the following
5 new subsection:

6 "(g) The Department of Health shall develop criteria for evaluating
7 medically underserved areas, which shall include but not be limited to:

8 (1) Infant mortality rate;

9 (2) Poverty population percentage;

10 (3) Population to primary care physician ratio; and

11 (4) Teenage pregnancy rate."

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13 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
14 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
15 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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17 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
18 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
19 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
20 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
21 act are declared to be severable.

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23 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
24 hereby repealed.

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/s/Rep. Flanagan

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