Hall of the House of Representatives

83rd General Assembly - Regular Session, 2001

Amendment Form

Amendment No. 17 to House Bill No. 1520.

Amend House Bill No. 1520 as engrossed, 03/27/01:

Page 2, delete Section 3 in its entirety and substitute:

"SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - INDIGENT PATIENTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the Indigents Patient's Fund, for assistance in defraying the costs for unreimbursed expenses of the specified counties for the care and treatment of Arkansas indigent patients in amounts as certified by each county as funds are available, for the biennial period ending June 30, 2003, the following:

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(01) UNREIMBURSED EXPENSES FOR THE CARE
AND TREATMENT OF ARKANSAS INDIGENT
PATIENTS BY HOSPITALS IN MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY, POINSETT COUNTY, CROSS COUNTY,
ST. FRANCIS COUNTY AND IN LEE COUNTY

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AND

Delete Section 22 entitled "SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. DFA/GRANTS-INDIGENT PATIENTS DISTRIBUTION." And substitute therefor:

"SECTION 22. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Arkansas Code 23-111-505(b) and (c) are amended to read as follows:

(b) All revenue derived from the pari-mutuel tax at the fifteen (15) additional days of racing authorized by subsection (a) of this section <u>after monies have been remitted by the franchise holder to Mid-South Community College as may be provided by law,</u> shall be deposited with the Treasurer of

State as special revenue for credit to the Indigent Patients Hospitalization Fund, to be used: (1) To to defray the cost of hospitalization and medical services of indigent Arkansas patients under contract with the City Hospital of the City of Memphis, Tennessee of hospitals in Mississippi County, Poinsett County, Cross County, St. Francis County and in Lee County.

- (2) To provide not more than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) per year to a private nonprofit hospital for crippled children located in Memphis, Tennessee, for providing hospitalization and medical services to indigent Arkansas children;
- (3) To provide not more than two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) in any fiscal year, for the support of the Crittenden County Emergency Medical Services Program benefiting medical indigents in Eastern Arkansas; and
- (4) To provide not more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in any fiscal year, for the support of the Emergency Medical Services Programs of Mississippi County, Poinsett County, Cross County, St. Francis County, and Lee County.
- (c) In the event the General Assembly shall appropriate moneys payable from the General Services Fund to make payments to the City Hospital of the City of Memphis, Tennessee, for hospitalization and medical services provided indigent citizens of this state, the Treasurer of State shall, upon certification of the amount paid from the State General Services Fund by the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, transfer that amount from the Indigent Patients Hospitalization Fund to the State General Services Fund.

The Amendment was read	
By: Joint Budget Committee	
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