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4 By: Representative Flanagin

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL

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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."

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Subtitle

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

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

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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
35 exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) in the aggregate, to be

1 used exclusively for land acquisition or for the construction,
2 reconstruction, repair, or expansion of a building to be used as a medical
3 clinic in a rural area and the acquisition and installation of equipment
4 therein."

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

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

- 10 (1) Infant mortality rate;
11 (2) Poverty population percentage;
12 (3) Population to primary care physician ratio; and
13 (4) Teenage pregnancy rate."

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

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

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26 hereby repealed.

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/s/Rep. Flanagan

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