AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3, at the end of line 28, insert the following:

"Provided, however, the Louisiana Department of Health shall model various Medicaid financing options utilizing hospital provider fees, intergovernmental transfers, certified public expenditures, and other means necessary to finance the Louisiana Medicaid hospital reimbursement system. The hospital reimbursement options shall be formulated publicly with proper input from individual hospitals. Additionally, all options shall be accountable to patients and taxpayers. Additionally, all options shall follow evidence-based and best practices. Additionally, all options shall contain reimbursement rates that are fair, equitable, and based on diagnoses. Additionally, all options shall protect the Rural Hospital Preservation Act and maximize reimbursement to qualifying hospitals. Additionally, all options shall demonstrate financial sustainability over the long-term. Additionally, all options shall acknowledge and attempt to consider any recommendations from the COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force to address health care disparities. The Louisiana Department of Health shall provide reports providing details of these proposed options to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget in the months of October, December, and February Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Additionally, the Louisiana Department of Health shall work with the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee as requested by the chairman in the development of these options and reports."

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