**SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS**

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senator McMath to Reengrossed House Bill No. 971 by Representative Stagni

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, change "R.S. 40:2197.1" to "R.S. 40:2116(B)(8) and 2197.1"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 3, after "clinics;" insert "to provide for facility need review;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 7, change "R.S. 40:2197.1 is" to "R.S. 40:2116(B)(8) and 2197.1 are"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following:

"§2116. Facility need review

* * *

B. The following healthcare providers shall be subject to facility need review to determine the need for a new or additional facility, provider, program, service, or bed:

* * *

(8) Types one and two rural health clinics.

* * *"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, at the end of line 12, delete "The"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 1, delete lines 13 and 14 and insert the following,

"In fiscal years 2026-2027 and 2027-2028, the Louisiana Department of Health shall increase the encounter rate that is in effect in the previous fiscal year for independent rural health clinics by forty-one dollars and fifty cents. The annual Medicare Economic Index inflationary adjustment shall be applied to this rate."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 1, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following,

"C. The provisions of this Section are subject to the approval of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services.

D. The Louisiana Department of Health shall submit a monthly report to the legislature that provides the number of encounters per month for each individual type one clinic and the total amount of monthly expenditures for each individual type one clinic."