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**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE AMENDMENTS**

2015 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Representative Edwards in the Committee of the Whole House to  
Engrossed House Bill No. 1 by Representative Fannin

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**1    AMENDMENT NO. 1****2    On page 76, between lines 29 and 30, insert the following:**

**3    "Provided, however, that the Department of Health and Hospitals is directed to conform the**  
**4    eligibility standards of the Medicaid program administered by the state to the minimum**  
**5    standards provided in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148).**  
**6    The secretary of the department may implement the expansion of the Medicaid program in**  
**7    a manner that is the same as or substantially similar to any state expansion program already**  
**8    approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services which allows newly eligible**  
**9    Medicaid beneficiaries to acquire insurance policies from private insurers.**

**10   The commissioner of administration is hereby authorized and directed to utilize any State**  
**11   General Fund (Direct) realized from the expansion of eligibility in the Medicaid program as**  
**12   provided in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act for the purpose of making**  
**13   payments to partner hospitals. Further, the commissioner of administration is hereby**  
**14   authorized and directed to transfer funding between programs to ensure that the budget unit**  
**15   shall fully utilize and maximize State General Fund (Direct) funding as a result of any**  
**16   savings realized from the expansion of eligibility as provided in the Patient Protection and**  
**17   Affordable Care Act for the purpose of making payments to partner hospitals."**