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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Health Policy (Gainer) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 42 - 59
and insert:
and on criteria established by the department.

(3) GRANT ELIGIBILITY.-In order to be eligible for a grant award, a hospital must be a rural hospital, as defined in s. 395.602, and must demonstrate that:

(a) Grant funds are necessary to maintain or improve the quality of its health care services;



11 (b) There is a return on investment to the taxpayers of
12 this state; and

13 (c) A satisfactory recordkeeping system will be in place to
14 account for the expenditures of grant funds within the rural
15 county.

16 (4) AWARD OF GRANTS.—The department shall establish by rule
17 a grant application process and criteria for the evaluation of
18 applications. The department shall score and rank grant
19 applications based on criteria that must include, at a minimum,
20 the following:

21 (a) The social and economic benefit to the surrounding
22 community.

23 (b) The promotion of economic development in the
24 surrounding community.

25 (c) The expansion of available services to the underserved
26 populations in the community.

27 (d) The availability of private or public matching funds,
28 or in-kind contributions, for the requested grant funds.

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30 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

31 And the title is amended as follows:

32 Delete lines 9 - 10

33 and insert:

34 eligibility; providing criteria for grant application
35 ranking; establishing allowable use of funds;
36 requiring the department to submit an