

HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

BILL: CS/CS/SB 890, 1st Eng. [S0890.HMS]
SPONSOR: Fiscal Policy Committee, Health, Aging and Long-Term Care Committee,
and Senator Mitchell
SUBJECT: Rural Hospital Capital Improvement Fund
PREPARED BY: Senate Committee on Health, Aging and Long-Term Care
DATE: April 26, 1999

I. Amendments Contained in Message

House Amendment 1 -175749 to (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message

The amendment deletes a provision that amends section 409.9116, F.S., relating to the disproportionate share/financial assistance program for rural hospitals. This section currently is only applicable to hospitals that were defined as statutory rural hospitals, or their successor-in-interest hospital, prior to July 1, 1998; the bill revises this date to July 1, 1999. Under the bill, additional hospitals defined as statutory rural hospitals after July 1, 1999 are not eligible for assistance under this section unless additional funds are appropriated each fiscal year to the rural hospital disproportionate share and financial assistance programs in an amount necessary to prevent any hospital eligible for the programs prior to July 1, 1999 from incurring a reduction in payments because of the eligibility of an additional hospital to participate in the program.