

Amend CSHB 4 (Senate committee printing) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 22.02 of the bill, strike proposed Subsection (b), Section 311.0456, Health and Safety Code, (page 48, lines 17-22) and substitute:

(b) This section applies only to a nonprofit hospital or hospital system that is certified by the department under Subsection (d).

(2) In SECTION 22.02 of the bill, strike proposed Subsection (c), Section 311.0456, Health and Safety Code, (page 48, lines 23-30) and substitute:

(c) To be eligible for certification under Subsection (d), a nonprofit hospital or hospital system must provide:

(1) charity care in an amount equal to at least eight percent of the net patient revenue of the hospital or hospital system during the preceding fiscal year of the hospital or system; and

(2) at least 40 percent of the charity care provided in the county in which the hospital is located.

(3) In SECTION 22.02 of the bill, in proposed Subsection (e), Section 311.0456, Health and Safety Code (page 48, line 45), strike "Subsection (b)(1)" and substitute "Subsection (b)".

(4) In SECTION 22.02 of the bill, strike proposed Subsections (f), (g), and (h), Section 311.0456, Health and Safety Code, (page 48, line 50 through page 49, line 6), and substitute:

(f) Notwithstanding any other law, the liability of a nonprofit hospital or hospital system for noneconomic damages as defined by Section 41.001, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, for a cause of action that accrues during the period that the hospital or system is certified under this section is subject to the limitations specified by Section 101.023(b), Civil Practice and Remedies Code, and Subsection (c) of that section does not apply. This subsection establishes the total combined limit of liability of the nonprofit hospital or hospital system and any employee, officer, or director of the hospital or system for noneconomic damages for each person and each single occurrence, as described by Section 101.023(b), Civil Practice and Remedies Code.