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H.B. No. 4494

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to indigent health care costs related to a declared disaster.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 716.101, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 26.0442. TAX RATE ADJUSTMENT FOR EXPENDITURES TO A STATE AGENCY FOR INDIGENT HEALTH CARE. (a) In the first tax year in which a taxing unit adopts a tax rate after January 1, 2009, and in which the taxing unit has provided an unusual increase in indigent health care expenditures in support of a public hospital due to a natural or manmade disaster that has impacted the delivery of indigent health care services, the effective maintenance and operations rate for the taxing unit is increased by the rate computed according to the following formula:

Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures
Amount of Increase

= _____

(Current Total Value - New Property Value)

(b) In each subsequent tax year, if the taxing unit's enhanced indigent health care expenses exceed the amount of those expenses for the preceding year, the effective maintenance and operations rate for the taxing unit is increased by the rate computed according to the following formula:

1 (Current Tax Year's increased Indigent
2 Health Care Expenditures - Preceding Tax Year's
3 Indigent Health Care Expenditures)

4 Amount of Increase

5 = _____

6 (Current Total Value - New Property Value)

7 (c) The taxing unit shall include a notice of the increase
8 in its effective maintenance and operations rate provided by this
9 section, including a brief description and the amount of the
10 enhanced indigent health care expenditures, in the information
11 published under Section 26.04(e) and, if applicable, Section
12 26.06(b).

13 (d) In this section, "increased indigent health care
14 expenditures" for a tax year means the amount spent by the taxing
15 unit for the maintenance and operation costs of providing indigent
16 health care at an increased level due to a natural or manmade
17 disaster that has disrupted the normal delivery of indigent health
18 care services.

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.