

Amend **SB 1991** by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. (a) As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the commission shall conduct a study to evaluate the impacts and effectiveness of using the Medicare education adjustment factor assigned under 42 C.F.R. Section 412.105 in effect on the effective date of this Act to calculate the medical education add-on used to reimburse teaching hospitals for the provision of inpatient hospital care under Medicaid. The commission shall develop and make recommendations on alternative factors and methodologies for calculating and annually updating the medical education add-on that:

(1) best recognize the higher costs incurred by teaching hospitals; and

(2) mitigate issues identified with using the Medicare education adjustment factor without reducing reimbursements to urban teaching hospitals that have maintained or increased the number of interns and residents enrolled in the hospitals' approved teaching programs.

(b) Not later than December 1, 2020, the commission shall report its findings and recommendations under Subsection (b) of this section to the governor, the standing committees of the senate and house of representatives having primary jurisdiction over matters relating to state finance and appropriations from the state treasury, the standing committees of the senate and house of representatives having primary jurisdiction over Medicaid, and the Legislative Budget Board.