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Senator Williams of the 19th offered the following amendment:

1 *Amend the Senate Finance Committee substitute to HB 307 (LC 33 3746S) by striking lines*
2 *58 through 62 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

3 (a) Each hospital shall be assessed a provider payment in the amount of 1.45 percent of the
4 net patient revenue of the hospital; provided, however, that the Department of Community
5 Health may lower the provider payment percentage for a subclass of hospitals, if necessary,
6 to comply with the broad-based and uniform tests pursuant to 42 C.F.R. Section 433.68.

7 *By striking lines 66 through 71 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

8 (c) The provider payment imposed under this article shall be recognized by the department
9 as a form of expenditure for indigent or charity care under any agreement by a hospital to
10 provide a specified amount of clinical health services to indigent patients pursuant to
11 subsection (c) of Code Section 31-6-40.1 and may be considered a community benefit for
12 purposes of any required or voluntary community benefit report filed or prepared by a
13 hospital; provided, however, that the provider payment shall not be considered charity or
14 indigent care for purposes of calculating net patient revenue pursuant to this article.