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3 By Representative Rogers (N & P)
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9 A BILL
10 TO BE ENTITLED
11 AN ACT
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13 Relating to Jefferson County; to amend Section
14 45-37-243.11 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the
15 Indigent Care Fund; to further provide for the distribution of
16 the proceeds from the funds to the Cooper Green Mercy Health
17 Services or its successors.

18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

19 Section 1. Section 45-37-243.11 of the Code of
20 Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

21 "§45-37-243.11.

22 (a) There is hereby established for and in the
23 counties subject to this subpart a county indigent care fund
24 herein called the Indigent Care Fund. The Indigent Care Fund
25 shall be used by such counties for any or all of the following
26 purposes: ~~To acquire by construction, eminent domain, or~~
27 ~~otherwise a county hospital, hospitals, and/or clinics, and to~~

1 operate, equip, and maintain ~~the same~~ the Cooper Green Mercy
2 Health Services or its successors for the medical care and
3 treatment of indigent persons of such county suffering from
4 illness, injury, disability, or infirmity, including
5 outpatients; and the furnishing of drugs and medicine to such
6 indigent persons, including outpatient care at ~~the county~~
7 ~~hospital~~ Cooper Green Mercy Health Services or its successors
8 or at a clinic maintained by the ~~county or under contract with~~
9 ~~the county~~ Cooper Green Mercy Health Services or its
10 successors, also or the operation of an emergency clinic at
11 Cooper Green Mercy Health Services. In addition, the county
12 ~~shall be authorized to~~ may furnish part of the cost of the
13 medical care for those of the county able to pay for only part
14 of their own medical care.

15 (b) ~~Such~~ The county shall be authorized to provide
16 ~~such~~ treatment, care, drugs, and medicines at ~~a county~~
17 ~~hospital, outpatient clinic, and/or emergency clinic or other~~
18 ~~hospitals located in such county under a contract between the~~
19 ~~county and any general hospital approved by the joint~~
20 ~~commission on accreditation of hospitals in the county~~ Cooper
21 Green Mercy Health Services or its successors.

22 (c) The county shall be authorized to collect for
23 the benefit of the Indigent Care Fund such sums as the county
24 is able to collect from part-pay patients and from any other
25 source or fund, public or private.

26 ~~(d) The county each year shall earmark and set aside~~
27 ~~in a separate fund not less than twenty-five percent of the~~

1 ~~county indigent care fund to be used for capital improvements.~~
2 ~~This requirement shall cease and no longer be binding upon the~~
3 ~~county after a county hospital has been constructed and fully~~
4 ~~equipped.~~

5 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
6 first day of the third month following its passage and
7 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.