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### House Bill 644 Printer's No. 681

Prime Sponsor: Baker  
Committee: Health and Human Services

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#### **SYNOPSIS:**

Amends the Community Based Health Care Act (the "Act") by eliminating a cap on funding provided under the Act to Federally Qualified Health Centers or Federally Qualified Health Care Center Look-alikes (collectively "FQHCs").

#### **SUMMARY:**

Under the current version of the Act, FQHCs may not receive more than 25% of the grants awarded pursuant to the Act. HB 644 amends Section 111 of the Act by eliminating this cap.

Grants under the Act are made for the purposes of:

- (1) Expanding and improving health care access and services,
- (2) Reducing unnecessary utilization of hospital emergency services, and
- (3) Encouraging collaborative relationships among health care providers.

Effective Date: 60 days

#### **BILL HISTORY:**

In the House:

Referred to the Health Committee, February 27, 2017

Reported as committed, March 13, 2017

Final passage, March 22, 2017

In the Senate:

Referred to Health & Human Services Committee, March 24, 2017

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