
SENATE BILL NO. 448—COMMITTEE ON
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

MARCH 25, 2013

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Enacts provisions to promote federally qualified health centers. (BDR 40-95)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to health care; enacting provisions to promote federally qualified health centers; authorizing a county or district hospital to take actions necessary to establish one or more new or existing facilities as federally qualified health centers; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law allows the establishment of county or district hospitals to provide
2 public health care services. (Chapter 450 of NRS) This bill authorizes a county or
3 district hospital to take any actions that are necessary to establish one or more new
4 or existing facilities as federally qualified health centers to enhance the provision of
5 primary care services in any medically underserved urban or rural communities in
6 the county.
7 Under federal law, a nonprofit entity may qualify as a federally qualified health
8 center if it: (1) is receiving a federal grant under section 330 of the federal Public
9 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. § 254b) because it serves certain populations that are
10 medically underserved; (2) is receiving funding from such a federal grant under a
11 contract with the recipient of the grant and the entity otherwise meets the
12 requirements for receiving such a federal grant; or (3) is not receiving such a
13 federal grant but the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and
14 Human Services determines that the entity otherwise meets the requirements for
15 receiving such a federal grant based on the recommendation of the Health
16 Resources and Services Administration of the Department. (42 U.S.C. §
17 1396d(l)(2)(B))



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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 **Section 1.** Chapter 450 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:
3 1. *A county or district hospital may take any actions that are*
4 *necessary to establish one or more new or existing facilities as*
5 *federally qualified health centers to enhance the provision of*
6 *primary care services in any medically underserved urban or rural*
7 *communities in the county or district, respectively.*
8 2. *As used in this section, "federally-qualified health center"*
9 *has the meaning ascribed to it in 42 U.S.C. § 1396d(l)(2)(B).*
10 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2013.

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