

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

MARCH 25, 2013

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Instructs the Legislative Committee on Health Care to consider methods to promote federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics. (BDR S-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; instructing the Legislative Committee on Health Care to consider methods to promote federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics as part of its interim review of health care; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Under federal law, a nonprofit entity may qualify as a federally qualified health
2 center if it: (1) is receiving a federal grant under **section 330** of the federal Public
3 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. § 254b) because it serves certain populations that are
4 medically underserved; (2) is receiving funding from such a federal grant under a
5 contract with the recipient of the grant and the entity otherwise meets the
6 requirements for receiving such a federal grant; or (3) is not receiving such a
7 federal grant but the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and
8 Human Services determines that the entity otherwise meets the requirements for
9 receiving such a federal grant based on the recommendation of the Health
10 Resources and Services Administration of the Department. (42 U.S.C. §
11 1396d(l)(2)(B))

12 Additionally under federal law, a rural health clinic is a public or private clinic
13 that is certified by the Secretary of the Department to receive special Medicare and
14 Medicaid reimbursement for the purpose of improving access to primary care
15 services in underserved rural areas. (42 U.S.C. § 1395x(aa)(2))

16 **Section 2** of this bill instructs the Legislative Committee on Health Care to
17 consider methods to promote federally qualified health centers and rural health
18 clinics as part of its review of health care during the 2013-2015 legislative interim
19 and to submit a report to the next session of the Legislature with any
20 recommendations for legislation.



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

1 **Section 1.** (Deleted by amendment.)

2 **Sec. 2.** 1. As part of its review of health care during the
3 2013-2015 legislative interim, the Legislative Committee on Health
4 Care shall consider methods to promote federally qualified health
5 centers and rural health clinics in this State which must include,
6 without limitation, consideration of:

7 (a) The strategies used by other states that have had success with
8 federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics and
9 whether those strategies could be used to increase the number of
10 federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics in this
11 State.

12 (b) The locations in this State which have been designated as
13 medically underserved urban or rural communities and which would
14 benefit from federally qualified health centers or rural health clinics.

15 (c) The likely impacts of establishing one or more new or
16 existing facilities as federally qualified health centers or rural health
17 clinics, including, without limitation, the economic impacts and the
18 impacts on access to primary care services for recipients of
19 Medicare and Medicaid, the underinsured and the uninsured.

20 (d) The types of federal benefits and federal funding options that
21 are available to support the establishment of federally qualified
22 health centers and rural health clinics.

23 (e) The feasibility of a county or district hospital establishing
24 one or more new or existing facilities as federally qualified health
25 centers or rural health clinics to enhance the provision of primary
26 care services in any medically underserved urban or rural
27 communities in the county or district, respectively.

28 2. On or before February 2, 2015, the Legislative Committee
29 on Health Care shall submit to the Legislature a written report
30 concerning its consideration of the methods to promote federally
31 qualified health centers and rural health clinics in this State, which
32 must include, without limitation, any recommendations for
33 legislation.

34 3. As used in this section:

35 (a) "Federally qualified health center" has the meaning ascribed
36 to it in 42 U.S.C. § 1396d(1)(2)(B).

37 (b) "Rural health clinic" has the meaning ascribed to it in 42
38 U.S.C. § 1395x(aa)(2).

39 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2013.

