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Sponsor(s): Senators Thibaudeau, Parlette, Hewitt, Morton, Costa, Snyder, Hochstatter, Honeyford and Sheahan

Brief Description: Providing medical assistance reimbursements for small, rural hospitals.

SB 5363 - DIGEST

Declares that the health care financing administration has recognized the crucial role that hospitals play in providing care in rural areas by creating the critical access hospital program to allow small, rural hospitals that qualify to receive reasonable cost-based reimbursement for medicare services.

Finds that creating a similar reimbursement system for the state's medical assistance programs in small, rural hospitals that qualify will help assure the long-term financial viability of the rural health system in those communities.

Provides that the act shall be null and void if appropriations are not approved.