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Sponsor(s): Senators Deccio, Thibaudeau, Parlette, Rossi, Keiser and Winsley

Brief Description: Concerning medical assistance eligibility requirements for long-term care services.

**SB 5730 - DIGEST**

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Declares an intent that eligibility for medical assistance, for the provision of long-term care services, be limited to people who do not have the ability to pay for the care they need, and that eligibility for medical assistance be set at the minimum threshold, with regard to assets, required for participation in the federal medicaid program under Title XIX of the social security act.

Declares an intent to establish a process for offering information and referral to private sector financing mechanisms that will allow people to draw upon their fixed assets to finance their long-term care service needs. It is the further intent that by taking these measures, eligibility for the medical assistance program will be reserved for the people in greatest financial need, and that we will be better able to afford to provide good quality care to those who are eligible.