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Sponsor(s): Senators Keiser and Winsley; by request of Department of Health

Brief Description: Removing certificate of need limitations on bed capacity and redistribution for federally certified critical access hospitals.

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Provides that a health care facility certified as a critical access hospital under 42 U.S.C. 1395i-4 may increase its total number of licensed beds to the total number of beds permitted under 42 U.S.C. 1395i-4 and may redistribute beds permitted under 42 U.S.C. 1395i-4 among acute care and nursing home care without being subject to certificate of need review.

Provides that these critical access hospital beds will not be counted as either acute care or nursing home care for certificate of need review purposes.

Provides that if a health care facility ceases to be certified as a critical access hospital under 42 U.S.C. 1395i-4, the hospital may revert back to the type and number of licensed hospital beds as it had when it requested critical access hospital designation.