

Senate Bill No. 448–Committee on  
Health and Human Services

CHAPTER.....

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:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

3. As used in this section:

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

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

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

