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SENATE BILL NO. 1081

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A BILL to provide that certain applications for a certificate of public need shall be deemed to demonstrate a public need for the proposed service and to be consistent with the State Medical Facilities Plan.

Patron—Suetterlein

Referred to Committee on Education and Health

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law or regulation, an application for a certificate of public need for the introduction of a specialty-level neonatal special care service in Planning District 5 that (i) contains in the record testimony of a neonatologist, employed or contracted by an incumbent provider of neonatal special care services in the same planning district, that the proposed number of bassinets in the application is clinically appropriate for the neonatal special care service proposed and would be beneficial to health outcomes of infants born at the applicant's facility and (ii) includes the agreement of the applicant to accept standard charity care conditions on the proposed neonatal special care services shall be deemed to (a) demonstrate a public need for such proposed specialty-level neonatal special care service and (b) be consistent with the State Medical Facilities Plan.