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Overview

This bill creates a critical access nursing facility designation and appropriates \$2 million for that purpose.

- 1 Critical access nursing facilities.** Amends § 256B.441, by adding subd. 63. Paragraph (a) allows the commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of health, to designate certain nursing facilities as critical access nursing facilities. Requires the designation to be granted on a competitive basis within the limits of funds appropriated for this purpose.

Paragraph (b) directs the commissioner to request proposals from nursing facilities every two years and specifies the process for a nursing facility to submit a proposal and for the commissioner to make designations.

Paragraph (c) directs the commissioner to allow specified benefits to the nursing facilities that are designated as critical access nursing facilities.

Paragraph (d) limits designation of a nursing facility as a critical access nursing facility to two years. Allows designated facilities to apply for continued designation.
- 2 Appropriation.** Appropriates \$2 million in fiscal year 2013 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for the purposes of critical access nursing facilities. Makes this appropriation ongoing and adds it to the base.