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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5149 AS INTRODUCED 11-17-87

The bill would add a new section to the Public Health Code to require hospitals which intend to close (1) to give notice 90 days before closing, (2) to prepare an impact statement on the proposed closure, and (3) to provide its employees with a job training and placement program (using existing state and federal resources).

Within 90 days of its projected closing, a hospital would have to notify (a) the Department of Public Health (DPH), (b) all of the hospital's employees, and (c) all local government units within the hospital's service area.

Not later than 45 days after closure notification, a hospital would be required to prepare an impact statement on the proposed closure. The statement would have to give reasons for the planned closure and project the impact of the closure on (a) the availability of the services to be discontinued (including any arrangements the hospital had with other facilities and agencies to continue these services and to transfer patients), (b) other health facilities and agencies in the area, and (c) physicians' hospital admitting privileges.

The job retraining program and job placement services would have to be developed and implemented in consultation with the Department of Labor and would use existing state and federal job retraining programs and job placement services.

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