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Raised S.B. 366: An Act Concerning Funding for Adult Day Care Centers

I am in favor of increasing funding for Adult Day Care Centers (ADCC). ADCC provide respite for caregivers, as well as, a safe environment for working caregivers.

ADCC offer transportation, on-site medical staff available to assist with consumption of medication, personal care, monitoring health needs and an individualized plan of care. As the need for memory programs increase, it is necessary to have dementia qualified staff.

Without access to ADCC, caregivers may be faced with the inappropriate placement of a loved one into a skilled nursing facility (SNF). The cost of a local ADCC is \$75.00 a day compared to a local SNF that has private pay rates of: \$366.00 for a private room and \$326.00 for a semi-private room. The Medicaid rate is \$262.73.

As you can see, there is significant savings to both private payers and the state by utilizing the resources an ADCC provides. At \$75.00 for a 7:30 am to 4:30 pm day, the hourly rate is less than \$8.34. No business, whether for-profit or not-for-profit, can provide services without covering the costs to do so. Therefore, I encourage you to support an increase in funding to ensure ADCC continue to operate.