
DIGEST

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HB No. 720

Abstract: Authorizes the transfer or lease of the New Orleans Adolescent Hospital to Children's Hospital, New Orleans, removes requirement of certain conditions in a lease agreement between the parties, and adds certain requirements.

Present law authorizes the LSU Board of Supervisors and LSU HSC to transfer certain state property in Orleans Parish, known as the New Orleans Adolescent Hospital (NOAH), to the division of administration. Present law authorizes the commissioner of administration to lease the same state property in Orleans Parish to the Children's Hospital, New Orleans.

Proposed law adds the authorization to transfer the property to Children's Hospital, New Orleans.

Present law requires that any lease entered into by the commissioner under present law contain the following provisions:

- (1) The property shall be administered, managed, and operated as a facility for health care, mental health care, or health care or mental health care education.
- (2) The portion of the property shall be administered, managed, and operated so as to provide mental health care including inpatient and outpatient services consistent with those services formally provided by the NOAH prior to 2010. Such services may be provided by a third party and as more particularly provided for in the lease agreement.

Proposed law repeals the requirement that the property be administered, managed, and operated so as to provide mental health care, including inpatient and outpatient services consistent with those services formally provided by the NOAH prior to 2010.

Present law provides that if the property is not administered, managed, and operated as provided in the conditions provided for in present law, the lease shall terminate, and control of such property shall immediately revert to and vest in the state.

Present law requires the lease to Children's Hospital to be executed by Feb. 1, 2013, or after Children's Hospital refuses to enter a lease, whichever is sooner, the division of administration may offer to lease the property to the highest bidder. Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law provides that if the property is not leased after being offered to the highest bidder by Aug. 1, 2013, or six months if Children's Hospital refuses to enter a lease, whichever is sooner,

the property shall revert to the LSU Board of Supervisors and LSU HSC. Proposed law repeals present law.

Provides that present law shall be the exclusive authority and procedure to transfer the property in present law. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law requires Children's Hospital to open a minimum of an additional 16 pediatric or adolescent behavior health care beds, and consider opening additional beds if the 16 beds reach 90% occupancy.

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- (1) A minimum of an additional 16 pediatric or adolescent behavior health care beds, and add beds if the 16 beds reach 90% occupancy.
- (2) Behavioral health care services for children under five years of age.
- (3) Expansion of the Autism Center at Children's Hospital Campus.
- (4) Inpatient-to-out-patient behavioral transition care.

Proposed law provides for consolidation and reallocation of capital outlay funding to NOAH in Act No. 23 of the 2012 R.S. to Children's Hospital to consider and provide services for substance abuse, longer term inpatients, juvenile justice, and day treatment. Consideration of these services shall be in consultation with stakeholders.

Proposed law requires Children's Hospital and the Dept. of Health and Hospitals to seek the most advantageous utilization of the increased bed capacity and the development of an inpatient-out-patient behavioral transition care program.

Proposed law provides that except as otherwise provided in proposed law, the services provided for in proposed law may be located in the city of New Orleans after holding a public hearing with an opportunity for public comment.

Proposed law authorizes the transfer or lease of certain state property in St. Martin Parish from the division of administration to the adjacent landowners to the property. Provides for the reservation of mineral rights to the state.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends §§3, 4, and 5(A) of Act No. 867 of the 2012 R.S.; Repeals §6 of Act No. 867 of the 2012 R.S.)