



**HOUSE BILL 1030:
2016 Appropriations Act, Sec. 12F.4:
Use of Dorothea Dix Hospital Property Funds**

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Analysis of:	Sec. 12F.4 of S.L. 2016-94		

OVERVIEW: *Sec. 12F.4 of S.L. 2016-94 allocates funds from the Dorothea Dix Hospital Property Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services to be used in rural areas of the State to renovate or construct new licensed short-term inpatient behavioral health beds, or convert existing inpatient acute care beds into licensed short-term inpatient behavioral health beds, and also to award grants for the establishment of up to two new facility-based crisis centers for children and adolescents.*

This section became effective July 1, 2016.

BILL ANALYSIS: Section 12F.4 of S.L. 2016-94 allocates the following monies from the Dorothea Dix Hospital Property Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services:

- Eighteen million dollars (\$18,000,000) to pay for any renovation or building costs associated with either the construction of new licensed short-term, inpatient behavioral health beds, or the conversion of existing inpatient acute care beds into licensed short-term inpatient behavioral health beds in rural areas of the state.
 - The Secretary of DHHS is required to select rural hospitals located in the three State regions for institutional service to receive the funds. Each facility receiving funds may construct new or convert unused acute care beds into licensed, inpatient behavioral health beds without undergoing certificate of need review by the Division of Health Service Regulation. Beginning November 1, 2017, DHHS must report annually to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division on the number and location of additional beds brought into operation with these funds and by December 1, 2020 must submit a report that includes a proposal for funding the recurring operating costs of these additional beds from a source or sources other than the Dorothea Dix Hospital Property Funds.
- Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to award grants on a competitive basis for the establishment of up to two new facility-based crisis centers in the State for children and adolescents.
 - DHHS must establish a process for applying for the grants, criteria for evaluating applications, and a process for allocating the grants.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Section 12F.4 of S.L. 2016-94 became effective July 14, 2016.

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