SENATE BILL 105:
2021 Appropriations Act, Sec. 9F.9:
Use of Dorothea Dix Hospital Property Funds for New Licensed Inpatient Behavioral Health Beds

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OVERVIEW: Section 9F.9 of S.L. 2021-180, as amended by Section 3.4 of S.L. 2022-6, provides $4,261,444 in nonrecurring funds from the Dorothea Dix Hospital Property Fund to the Division on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services (DMH/DD/SAS), Department of Health and Human Services, for the 2021-2022 fiscal year for any renovation or building costs related to the construction of new licensed inpatient behavioral health beds, the conversion of existing inpatient acute care beds into licensed inpatient behavioral health beds, or a combination of these options. The nonrecurring funds must be allocated as follows:

- *$1,420,481 for new licensed inpatient behavioral health beds at Good Hope Hospital in Harnett County.*

- *$1,420,481 to create a new behavioral health unit by Harnett Health System, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, in which a minimum of 12 of the beds must be reserved for children under the age of 18.*

- *$1,420,482 for new licensed inpatient behavioral health beds by Johnston Health Enterprises, Inc., in Johnston County.*

Each facility that receives funds as allocated above is exempt from certificate of need review for the establishment or expansion of behavioral health services at the facility where the constructed or converted beds will be brought into operation. The establishment or expansion of behavioral health services remain subject to existing licensure requirements.

This section became effective July 1, 2021.

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