



SENATE BILL 115: Repurpose R.J. Blackley Center as Psychiatric Hospital.

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Analysis of:	S.L. 2023-3		

OVERVIEW: *S.L. 2023-3 exempts from certificate of need review the conversion of the R.J. Blackley Alcohol and Drug Treatment Center in Granville County to a psychiatric hospital for children and adolescents.*

This act became effective March 10, 2023.

CURRENT LAW: Under Article 9 of Chapter 131E of the General Statutes, the conversion of one type of health facility bed into another type of health facility bed is required to go through certificate of need review.

BILL ANALYSIS: S.L. 2023-3 exempts from certificate of need review the conversion of a state-operated facility into a psychiatric hospital for children and adolescents, the creation of psychiatric beds at that hospital, and the establishment of psychiatric services at that hospital if all of the following are true:

- The state-operated facility is in a county with a population between 60,000 and 65,000.
- The state-operated facility is in a county with an area under 540 square miles.
- The state-operated facility is in a county that borders Virginia.
- There is a written agreement between the state-owned facility and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for DHHS to establish and operate the new psychiatric facility.

The act repeals G.S. 122C-181(a)(3)d, which establishes the R.J. Blackley Alcohol and Drug Treatment Center (Center).

Finally, the act requires the Secretary of DHHS to enter into an agreement with a state entity meeting all the above criteria to operate a psychiatric hospital on the campus of the Center. The Center ceased being operated by the state on March 1, 2023.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act became effective March 10, 2023.

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