

SENATE BILL No. 316

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 12-24-1-3.

Synopsis: Freezing of Logansport State Hospital staffing levels. Freezes staffing levels at Logansport State Hospital at the April 2, 2011, level.

Effective: April 1, 2011 (retroactive).

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January 10, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning human services.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 12-24-1-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.141-2006,
- 2 SECTION 62, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 APRIL 1, 2011 (RETROACTIVE)]: Sec. 3. (a) The director of the
- 4 division of mental health and addiction has administrative control of
- 5 and responsibility for the following state institutions:
- 6 (1) Evansville State Hospital.
- 7 (2) Evansville State Psychiatric Treatment Center for Children.
- 8 (3) Larue D. Carter Memorial Hospital.
- 9 (4) Logansport State Hospital.
- 10 (5) Madison State Hospital.
- 11 (6) Richmond State Hospital.
- 12 (7) Any other state owned or operated mental health institution.
- 13 (b) Subject to the approval of the director of the budget agency and
- 14 the governor, the director of the division of mental health and addiction
- 15 may contract for the management and clinical operation of Larue D.
- 16 Carter Memorial Hospital.
- 17 (c) The following applies only to the institutions described in



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subsection (a)(1) and (a)(2):

(1) Notwithstanding any other statute or policy, the division of mental health and addiction may not do the following after December 31, 2001, unless specifically authorized by a statute enacted by the general assembly:

(A) Terminate, in whole or in part, normal patient care or other operations at the facility.

(B) Reduce the staffing levels and classifications below those in effect at the facility on January 1, 2002.

(C) Terminate the employment of an employee of the facility except in accordance with IC 4-15-2.

(2) The division of mental health and addiction shall fill a vacancy created by a termination described in subdivision (1)(C) so that the staffing levels at the facility are not reduced below the staffing levels in effect on January 1, 2002.

(3) Notwithstanding any other statute or policy, the division of mental health and addiction may not remove, transfer, or discharge any patient at the facility unless the removal, transfer, or discharge is in the patient's best interest and is approved by:

(A) the patient or the patient's parent or guardian;

(B) the individual's gatekeeper; and

(C) the patient's attending physician.

(d) The Evansville State Psychiatric Treatment Center for Children shall remain independent of Evansville State Hospital and the southwestern Indiana community mental health center, and the Evansville State Psychiatric Treatment Center for Children shall continue to function autonomously unless a change in administration is specifically authorized by an enactment of the general assembly.

(e) The following apply only to the institution described in subsection (a)(4):

(1) Notwithstanding any other statute or policy, the division of mental health and addiction may not do the following after April 2, 2011, unless specifically authorized by a statute enacted by the general assembly:

(A) Terminate, in whole or in part, normal patient care or other operations at the facility.

(B) Reduce the staffing levels and classifications below those in effect at the facility on April 2, 2011.

(C) Terminate the employment of an employee of the facility except in accordance with IC 4-15-2.

(2) The division of mental health and addiction shall fill a vacancy created by a termination described in subdivision

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1 (1)(C) so that the staffing levels at the facility are not reduced
2 below the staffing levels in effect on April 2, 2011.
3 (3) Notwithstanding any other statute or policy, the division
4 of mental health and addiction may not remove, transfer, or
5 discharge any patient at the facility unless the removal,
6 transfer, or discharge is in the patient's best interest and is
7 approved by:
8 (A) the patient or the patient's parent or guardian;
9 (B) the individual's gatekeeper; and
10 (C) the patient's attending physician.
11 SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.

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