

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

New law retains prior law and adds the authorization to transfer the property to Children's Hospital, New Orleans.

Prior law required that any lease entered into by the commissioner under prior 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.

New 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.

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

Prior law required 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 could offer to lease the property to the highest bidder. New law repeals prior law.

Prior law provided 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. New law repeals prior law.

New law requires Children's Hospital to open the following:

- (1) A minimum of an additional 16 pediatric or adolescent behavior health care beds, and, in good faith, make reasonable efforts to consider adding beds if the 16 beds reach 90% occupancy for a three-month period.
- (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-outpatient behavioral transition care.

New law provides for consolidation and reallocation of capital outlay funding to NOAH in Act No. 23 of the 2012 R.S. to purchase equipment for the University Medical Center.

New law provides that such reallocated capital outlay funds shall be used first to fund such equipment at no additional charge to the University Medical Center Management Corporation, provided that University Medical Center Management Corporation or Louisiana Children's Medical Center demonstrate that additional behavioral health services will be provided at the hospital or in the New Orleans area at one of the Louisiana Children's Medical Center affiliates consistent with the provision of new law.

New law provides that in consideration of the reallocated capital outlay or comparable funding, Children's Hospital, New Orleans shall make reasonable, good faith efforts 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.

New 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.

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

New law requires Children's Hospital, New Orleans to submit a report to the speaker, the president, and the House and Senate committees on health and welfare on the behavioral mental health services provided for in new law on February 1st of each year until 2018 or until the obligations are met under new law, whichever occurs first.

Effective June 17, 2013.

(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.)