April 18, 2007

H 1644. FUTURE USES OF DOROTHEA DIX HOSP. CAMPUS. Filed 4/18/07. REGARDING THE FUTURE USE OF THE DOROTHEA DIX HOSPITAL PROPERTY CAMPUS AND SUPPORT FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

Provides that, if the State ceases to use the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Hospital to provide mental health services, the land and improvements that constitute the Dorothea Dix Hospital Property Campus, or significant portions of the campus, will be set aside for the creation of a potential park district, and the historic buildings located on the campus will be renovated and rehabilitated to the extent that is economically feasible. Any use of the campus must generate significant revenues to support mental health services throughout the state.

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H 1644. FUTURE USES OF DOROTHEA DIX HOSP. CAMPUS. Filed 4/18/07. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Original bill specified the uses to be made of the Dorothea Dix hospital campus, if the state ceases to use it to provide mental health services. Among other things, it required that significant portions of the campus be used as a park. Committee substitute replaces this requirement with a directive that the General Assembly examine the possibility of creating a park district financed with local public revenues and private contributions. A new provision states that the intended uses provided for in the bill must continue to support mental health services, including the generation of revenue for mental health services throughout the state.