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H 1797. DHHS PLAN/PSYCHIATRIC HOSP. CLOSURE. Filed 4/18/07. *TO CLARIFY THAT THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES MUST SUBMIT A PLAN TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGARDING THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES FOR THE MENTALLY ILL PRIOR TO THE CLOSURE OF ANY STATE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL.*

Amends GS 122C-112(30) to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services, before requesting legislative approval to close a state facility, to present a plan to specified committees of the General Assembly for comment. The plan must address the capacity of any replacement facility, an inventory of existing community capacity in the catchment area, how the state and local mental health agencies plan to retain qualified private providers to serve the non-Medicaid eligible population, and the impact of the closure on other state facilities. Specifies that no closure may occur without adequate replacement services in place at the time of closure. Amends SL 2003-314 to specify that Secretary's power under that act must be exercised consistent with GS 122C-112.

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