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Amends GS 131E-78 to authorize the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to suspend the admission of new patients or specific services when a hospital fails to comply with licensure provisions and establishes factors to be considered in deciding whether to suspend admissions or services. Requires DHHS to work with the hospital to correct the conditions that led to the suspension. Allows a facility to contest an adverse action by filing a petition within 20 days after receiving notice of the action. Enacts new GS 131E-84 allowing the Division of Facility Services to temporarily waive the rules pertaining to a hospital in the event of a disaster or emergency to the extent necessary for the hospital to provide temporary shelter and services. Amends GS 112C-80 to allow a request for a criminal history check to be submitted to a private entity (was, only to the Department of Justice). Amends GS 131D-2 to prohibit a new license from being issued for a change in ownership of an adult care home if there are outstanding fees or penalties. Amends GS 131D-26 to remove the requirement that investigations of complaints of violations at adult care homes be completed within 30 days. Makes technical changes.

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