

LEGISLATIVE BILL 401

Approved by the Governor April 7, 2021

Introduced by Arch, 14.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to state institutions; to amend sections 83-305 and 83-363, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to eliminate designation of the Hastings Regional Center as a state hospital for the mentally ill; to redefine a term; and to repeal the original sections.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 83-305, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

83-305 The state hospital established in Lancaster County for the treatment of mental illnesses shall be known as the Lincoln Regional Center. The state hospital established in Madison County shall be known as the Norfolk Regional Center. ~~The state hospital established in Adams County shall be known as the Hastings Regional Center.~~

Sec. 2. Section 83-363, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

83-363 As used in sections 83-227.01, 83-227.02, 83-350, and 83-363 to 83-380, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) Department means the Department of Health and Human Services;

(2) State institution means the state hospitals at Lincoln, and Norfolk, ~~and Hastings,~~ the Beatrice State Developmental Center, and such other institutions as may hereafter be established by the Legislature for the care and treatment of persons with a mental disorder or persons with an intellectual disability;

(3) Relative means the spouse of a patient or, if the patient has no spouse and is under the age of majority at the time he or she is admitted, the parents of a patient in a state institution; and

(4) Parents means either or both of a patient's natural parents unless such patient has been legally adopted by other parents, in which case parents means either or both of the adoptive parents.

Sec. 3. Original sections 83-305 and 83-363, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.