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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced By: Representatives Spears, Speakman, Carson, Donovan, Kislak, Tanzi,  
Fogarty, and Casey

Date Introduced: January 11, 2024

Referred To: House State Government & Elections

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 42-7.2 of the General Laws entitled "Office of Health and Human  
2 Services" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **42-7.2-21. Department of hospitals realignment.**

4           (a) The secretary of the executive office of health and human services shall have the  
5 authority to transfer personnel under the secretary's purview into the EOHHS to coordinate the  
6 efforts of developing a state hospital realignment plan no later than April 1, 2024.

7           (b) The secretary of the executive office of health and human services shall present to the  
8 general assembly a plan for the realignment of state hospitals into a department of hospitals no later  
9 than July 1, 2024.

10          SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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2 to present to the general assembly a plan for the realignment of state hospitals into a department of  
3 hospitals no later than July 1, 2024.

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