

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 401**

FINAL READING

Introduced by Arch, 14.

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Committee: Health and Human Services

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to state institutions; to amend sections  
2 83-305 and 83-363, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to  
3 eliminate designation of the Hastings Regional Center as a state  
4 hospital for the mentally ill; to redefine a term; and to repeal the  
5 original sections.

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

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

3 83-305 The state hospital established in Lancaster County for the  
4 treatment of mental illnesses shall be known as the Lincoln Regional  
5 Center. The state hospital established in Madison County shall be known  
6 as the Norfolk Regional Center. ~~The state hospital established in Adams  
7 County shall be known as the Hastings Regional Center.~~

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

10 83-363 As used in sections 83-227.01, 83-227.02, 83-350, and 83-363  
11 to 83-380, unless the context otherwise requires:

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

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

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

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

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25 Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.