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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: Senators Miller, Valverde, Pearson, Lawson, Ruggerio, Lauria, DiMario,
and Ujifusa

Date Introduced: January 12, 2024

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

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 July 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 September 1, 2024.

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

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EXPLANATION
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