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SENATE BILL 370

Short Title: State MH Joint Security Force Jurisd.-AB.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Kerr; Albertson and Reeves.

Referred to: Judiciary II.

March 8, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT AMENDING THE JOINT SECURITY FORCE PROVISIONS FOR STATE FACILITIES FOR MENTALLY ILL PERSONS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article 6 of Chapter 122C of the General Statutes is amended by adding the following new Parts to read:

"Part 2B. Cherry Hospital Joint Security Force.

"§ 122C-430A. Joint security force.

The Secretary may designate one or more special police officers who shall make up a joint security force to enforce the law of North Carolina and any ordinance or regulation adopted pursuant to G.S. 143-116.6 or G.S. 143-116.7 or pursuant to the authority granted the Department by any other law on the territory of the Cherry Hospital in Wayne County. After taking the oath of office for law enforcement officers as set out in G.S. 11-11, these special police officers have the same powers as peace officers now vested in sheriffs within the territory of the Cherry Hospital. These special police officers shall also have the power prescribed by G.S. 122C-205 outside the territory of the Cherry Hospital but within the confines of Wayne County. These special police officers may arrest persons outside the territory of the Cherry Hospital but within the confines of Wayne County, when the person arrested has committed a criminal offense within the territory of the Cherry Hospital, for which the officers could have arrested the person within that territory, and the arrest is made during the person's immediate and continuous flight from that territory."

"Part 2C. Dorothea Dix Hospital Joint Security Force.

"§ 122C-430B. Joint security force.

The Secretary may designate one or more special police officers who shall make up a joint security force to enforce the law of North Carolina and any ordinance or regulation adopted pursuant to G.S. 143-116.6 or G.S. 143-116.7 or pursuant to the

1 authority granted the Department by any other law on the territory of the Dorothea Dix
2 Hospital in Wake County. After taking the oath of office for law enforcement officers as
3 set out in G.S. 11-11, these special police officers have the same powers as peace
4 officers now vested in sheriffs within the territory of the Dorothea Dix Hospital. These
5 special police officers shall also have the power prescribed by G.S. 122C-205 outside
6 the territory of the Dorothea Dix Hospital but within the confines of Wake County.
7 These special police officers may arrest persons outside the territory of the Dorothea
8 Dix Hospital but within the confines of Wake County, when the person arrested has
9 committed a criminal offense within the territory of the Dorothea Dix Hospital, for
10 which the officers could have arrested the person within that territory, and the arrest is
11 made during the person's immediate and continuous flight from that territory."

12 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.