

House Bill 919

By: Representatives Martin of the 47th, Pruett of the 144th, and Harden of the 28th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 6 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state
2 health planning and development, so as to provide for a definition of "correctional long-term
3 care facility"; to provide for an exemption for correctional long-term care facilities; to
4 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 6 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state health
8 planning and development, is amended in Code Section 31-6-2, relating to definitions, by
9 adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

10 "(11.1) 'Correctional long-term care facility' means a skilled nursing facility established
11 by or contracted with this state exclusively for former inmates of the Department of
12 Corrections, a federal correctional institution, or a county or local detention facility who
13 are reprieved, paroled, or given other conditional release from a correctional institution
14 or local detention facility to such facility. A correctional long-term care facility shall not
15 be converted into a private or public skilled nursing facility for nonformer inmates
16 without first obtaining a certificate of need in accordance with this chapter."

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18 **SECTION 2.**

19 Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 31-6-47, relating to exemptions from the
20 certificate of need program, by revising paragraph (23) of subsection (a) as follows:

21 "(23)(A) Infirmaries or facilities operated by, on behalf of, or under contract with the
22 Department of Corrections or the Department of Juvenile Justice for the sole and
23 exclusive purpose of providing health care services in a secure environment to prisoners
24 within a penal institution, penitentiary, prison, detention center, or other secure
25 correctional institution, including correctional institutions operated by private entities

26 in this state which house inmates under the Department of Corrections or the
27 Department of Juvenile Justice; or
28 (B) Correctional long-term care facilities;"

29 **SECTION 2.**

30 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.