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BY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2094)

(As Amended and Passed by the House February 26, 2026)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act directing the department of health and human services to
2 increase the number of inpatient psychiatric beds at each
3 state mental health institute.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. The general assembly
2 finds all of the following:

3 1. The state concurs with President Donald Trump's
4 executive order pertaining to ending crime and disorder on
5 America's streets issued July 24, 2025.

6 2. Nearly two-thirds of homeless individuals have reported
7 having regularly used hard drugs like methamphetamines,
8 cocaine, or opioids, and an equally large share of homeless
9 individuals reported suffering from at least one mental health
10 condition.

11 3. Vagrancy, disorderly behavior, sudden confrontations,
12 and violent attacks often caused by a homeless individual with
13 a substance use disorder or mental health condition have made
14 cities unsafe.

15 4. The state needs to create space for many homeless
16 individuals in a long-term institutional setting to provide the
17 humane treatment these individuals need to address the root
18 cause of homelessness and restore public order.

19 Sec. 2. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — STATE
20 MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTE INPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC BEDS.

21 1. No later than July 1, 2027, the department of health
22 and human services shall apply to the centers for Medicare and
23 Medicaid services of the United States department of health
24 and human services for a waiver of Medicaid's institution for
25 mental diseases exclusion.

26 2. No later than one calendar year after the centers for
27 Medicare and Medicaid services approves the waiver requested
28 under subsection 1, the department of health and human services
29 shall double the number of inpatient psychiatric beds in the
30 state based on the number of beds that were at each state
31 mental health institute on June 30, 2025.