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HOUSE BILL 796
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/16/03

Short Title: Prohibit Sale of Dorothea Dix Property.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 31, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF STATE-OWNED REAL PROPERTY
ENCOMPASSING THE DOROTHEA DIX HOSPITAL CAMPUS WITHOUT
THE APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 146-27 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"§ 146-27. **The role of the Department of Administration in sales, leases, and rentals; rentals; sale of Dix Campus.**

(a) General. – Every sale, lease, rental, or gift of land owned by the State or by any State agency shall be made by the Department of Administration and approved by the Governor and Council of State. A lease or rental of land owned by the State may not exceed a period of 99 years. The Department of Administration may initiate proceedings for sales, leases, rentals, and gifts of land owned by the State or by any State agency.

(b) Large Disposition. – If a proposed disposition is a sale or gift of land with an appraised value of at least twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), the sale or gift shall not be made until after consultation with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State-owned real property encompassing the Dorothea Dix Hospital campus shall not be sold without the prior approval of the General Assembly. As used in this subsection, 'prior approval of the General Assembly' shall mean the passage of a joint resolution approving the sale.

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