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Amendment to HB 1565-FN

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to requiring the secure psychiatric unit to be accredited as a psychiatric  
4 hospital and making an appropriation therefor.  
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6 Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause the following and renumbering the original  
7 sections 1-4 to read as 2-5, respectively:  
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9 1 Statement of Findings.

10 I. The general court hereby finds that:

11 (a) A separate forensic psychiatric hospital would be the preferred solution for persons  
12 who are violently psychotic.

13 (b) The placement of the secure psychiatric unit inside the state's men's prison causes  
14 problems for civil patients and their families.

15 (c) Transferring patients to forensic facilities outside of New Hampshire is not a viable  
16 option.

17 II. Therefore the general court hereby seeks to have the secure psychiatric unit accredited  
18 as a psychiatric hospital.  
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20 Amend RSA 21-H:8, XI-a(b) as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:  
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22 ***(b) The commissioner shall seek to have the secure psychiatric unit accredited***  
23 ***as a psychiatric hospital.***  
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25 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 4 with the following:  
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27 5 Appropriation. The sum of \$1 is hereby appropriated to the department of corrections for the  
28 fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 for the purpose of seeking the accreditation required under RSA  
29 21-H:8, XI-a(b) as inserted by section 2 of the act. This sum shall be in addition to any other sums  
30 appropriated to the department of corrections. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for  
31 said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

32 6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.