DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

November 9, 2017

Dear Representative Goyke:

1. Your drafting instructions indicated that you wanted the bill to direct the Department of Corrections, along with the Department of Administration, to negotiate any real estate contracts and/or local government agreements with Lincoln County for the purposes of transitioning the property from a juvenile institution to an adult institution. The Department of Administration has general contracting and engineering authority, found under subchapter V of chapter 16 of the statutes, which would allow DOC and DOA to negotiate the necessary contracts for the conversion of Lincoln Hills to an adult treatment facility. If there is something specific that you are concerned is not covered by the general authority that you would like in the bill, please let me know.

2. Your drafting instructions indicate a desire to provide a sum sufficient appropriation for the conversion of Lincoln Hills. DOC has sum sufficient appropriations to acquire, construct, develop, enlarge, or improve adult and juvenile correctional facilities under s. 20.866 (2) (ux) and (uz) of the statutes. Therefore, I did not include a separate sum sufficient appropriation in this draft.

3. Your instructions state a required 1 to 16 staff to juvenile ratio at the juvenile correctional facilities, with a suggested design to be no more than 1 to 8. However, the federal Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) requires a 1 to 8 ratio during waking hours and 1 to 16 ratio during sleeping hours, so I inserted those as the ratio requirements. Please let me know if this is not your intent.

4. The construction or conversion of any particular building or facility is subject to approval of the building commission under s. 301.19 (2).

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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