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Short Title: Broughton Hosp/Bk. Mt. Jt. Sec. Force.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO CREATE THE BROUGHTON HOSPITAL JOINT SECURITY FORCE  
3 AND TO AMEND THE LAW ESTABLISHING THE BLACK MOUNTAIN JOINT  
4 SECURITY FORCE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. Article 6 of Chapter 122C of the General Statutes is amended by  
7 adding a new Part to read:

8 **"PART 2A. BROUGHTON HOSPITAL JOINT SECURITY FORCE.**  
9 **"§ 122C-430. Joint security force.**

10 The Secretary may designate one or more special police officers who shall make up a  
11 joint security force to enforce the law of North Carolina and any ordinance or regulation  
12 adopted pursuant to G.S. 143-116.6 or G.S. 143-116.7 or pursuant to the authority  
13 granted the Department by any other law on the territory of the Broughton Hospital,  
14 North Carolina School for the Deaf, Western Regional Vocational Rehabilitation Facility,  
15 Western Carolina Center, and the surrounding grounds and land adjacent to Broughton  
16 Hospital allocated to the Department of Agriculture, all in Burke County. After taking  
17 the oath of office for law enforcement officers as set out in G.S. 11-11, these special  
18 police officers have the same powers as peace officers now vested in sheriffs within the  
19 territory embraced by the named facilities. These special police officers may arrest

1 persons outside the territory of the named institutions but within the confines of Burke  
2 County when the person arrested has committed a criminal offense within that territory  
3 for which the officers could have arrested the person within that territory, and the arrest is  
4 made during the person's immediate and continuous flight from that territory."

5 Section 2. G.S. 122C-421(a) reads as rewritten:

6 "(a) The Secretary may designate one or more special police officers who shall  
7 make up a joint security force to enforce the law of North Carolina and any ordinance or  
8 regulation adopted pursuant to G.S. 143-116.6 or G.S. 143-116.7 or pursuant to the  
9 authority granted the Department by any other law on the territory of the Black Mountain  
10 Center, the Alcohol Rehabilitation Center, and the Juvenile Evaluation Center, all in  
11 Buncombe County. ~~These~~ After taking the oath of office for law enforcement officers as  
12 set out in G.S. 11-11, these special police officers have the same powers as peace officers  
13 now vested in sheriffs within the territory embraced by the named centers. These special  
14 police officers shall also have the power prescribed by G.S. 7A-571(a)(4) outside the  
15 territory embraced by the named centers but within the confines of Buncombe County.  
16 These special police officers may arrest persons outside the territory of the named centers  
17 but within the confines of Buncombe County when the person arrested has committed a  
18 criminal offense within that territory, for which the officers could have arrested the  
19 person within that territory, and the arrest is made during the person's immediate and  
20 continuous flight from that territory."

21 Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.