

THAN AN ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS.

(D) UPON A DETERMINATION OF A COUNTY'S DEFAULT, THE SECRETARY SHALL, WITHIN SIX MONTHS AND AFTER HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE COUNTY, RECOMMEND A SITE FOR THE CENTER FOR APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS. UPON APPROVAL OF A SITE BY THE BOARD, THE STATE IS AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE THE AUTHORITY GRANTED IN SUBSECTION (B).

(E) THE COUNTIES ARE AUTHORIZED, AS AN EXTENSION OF THE AUTHORITY GRANTED IN SUBSECTION (B), TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH EACH OTHER AND WITH THE STATE FOR THE LOCATION, ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, AND RENOVATION OF FACILITIES FOR A REGIONAL CENTER TO SERVE MORE THAN ONE COUNTY. IN THAT EVENT, THE CONDITIONS STATED IN SUBSECTION (B) SHALL BE APPLICABLE TO THE PROPOSED REGIONAL CENTER.

(F) UPON A DEFAULT, AS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (C), THE SECRETARY MAY RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS A SITE FOR A REGIONAL CENTER IN LIEU OF A COUNTY CENTER; AND THE BOARD MAY APPROVE SUCH A SITE. IF THE BOARD APPROVES A SITE FOR A REGIONAL CENTER, THE STATE IS AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE THE AUTHORITY GRANTED IN SUBSECTION (B) TO ACQUIRE, CONSTRUCT, AND RENOVATE FACILITIES FOR A REGIONAL CENTER.

(G) A CENTER SHALL NOT BE ESTABLISHED OR EXPANDED BEYOND A CAPACITY IN EXCESS OF 108 BEDS WITHOUT THE CONCURRENCE OF THE SECRETARY AND (1) THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE CENTER IS OR IS TO BE LOCATED, OR (2) IF THE CENTER IS OR IS TO BE A REGIONAL ONE, THE COUNTIES WITHIN THE REGION.

710A. OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE OF CENTERS; COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT BOARD.

(A) CENTERS THAT ARE ACQUIRED, CONSTRUCTED, OR RENOVATED BY A COUNTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH §710(B) SHALL BE OPERATED BY THE COUNTY, AND THE DIRECTOR, STAFF, AND OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE CENTER SHALL BE EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY. CENTERS THAT ARE ACQUIRED, CONSTRUCTED, OR RENOVATED BY TWO OR MORE COUNTIES AS REGIONAL CENTERS, PURSUANT TO §710(E), SHALL BE OPERATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BY THE COUNTIES; AND THE DIRECTOR, STAFF, AND OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE CENTER SHALL BE EMPLOYEES OF ONE OR MORE OF THE COUNTIES, AS PROVIDED IN THE AGREEMENT. CENTERS THAT ARE ACQUIRED, CONSTRUCTED, OR RENOVATED BY THE STATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH §710(D) OR (F) SHALL BE OPERATED BY THE STATE; AND THE DIRECTOR, STAFF, AND OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE CENTER SHALL BE STATE EMPLOYEES. THE COUNTY, WITH RESPECT TO A COUNTY CENTER, THE PARTICIPATING COUNTIES, WITH RESPECT TO A REGIONAL CENTER, AND THE STATE, WITH RESPECT TO A STATE CENTER, MAY, BY CONTRACT, PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF A CENTER BY A NONPUBLIC PERSON, GROUP, OR AGENCY UPON TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY.