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HOUSE BILL 1030: 2016 Appropriations Act, Sec. 12F.7: Controlled Substances Reporting System Improvements

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Analysis of: Sec. 12F.7 of S.L. 2016-94

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OVERVIEW: *Sec. 12F.7 of 2016-94 establishes a new section in the North Carolina Controlled Substances Reporting System Act (Article 5E of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes) that requires recipients of an initial or renewal license conferring the authority to prescribe a controlled substance for the purpose of providing medical care for a patient to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the licensing board that he or she is registered for access to the controlled substances reporting system (CSRS) within 30 days of obtaining the initial or renewal license.*

This section becomes effective on the date the State Chief Information Officer notifies the Revisor of Statutes that the upgrades to CSRS required pursuant to this Act are completed and is fully operational, and applies to acts committed on or after that date.

BILL ANALYSIS: The breakdown of the appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services contained in Section 12F.7 of 2016-94 is as follows:

- \$600,000 of nonrecurring funds to upgrade the CSRS database to meet the most current architecture standards of the American Society for Automation in Pharmacy and Prescription Monitoring Information Exchange (PMIX).
 - This upgrade is to be designed to facilitate connectivity with controlled substances reporting systems in surrounding states and the statewide health information exchange network in North Carolina, while protecting the privacy of patient information stored in the system in a manner consistent with state and federal laws.
- \$375,000 in recurring funds and \$653,400 in nonrecurring funds to pay for contractual hours to develop and implement software for the performance of advanced analytics within the CSRS in order to achieve the purposes specified in G.S. 90-113.71 and to accomplish at least all of the following:
 - Enhance and automate reports solicited by persons or entities authorized to receive information from the CSRS under G.S. 90-113.74.
 - Enhance the Department's ability to provide data to persons or entities authorized to receive information under G.S. 90-113.74.
 - To aggregate data sources, including those available through the Government Data Analytics Center (GDAC), relevant to the identification of unusual prescribing patterns or behavior indicative of abuse, addiction, or criminal activity.

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EFFECTIVE DATE: The new section of Article 5E of Chapter 90, requiring licensees to demonstrate that they are registered for access to the CSRS, will be effective on the date the State Chief Information Officer notifies the Revisor of Statutes that (i) the upgrades to the CSRS database described in the rest of Section 12F.7 of S.L. 2016-94 have been completed and, (ii) the upgraded CSRS database is fully operational within the Department of Information Technology and connected to the statewide health information exchange. The new section will apply to acts committed on or after that date. The remainder of Section 12F.7 of 2016-94 became effective July 1, 2016.