OVERVIEW: Section 11F.9 of S.L. 2017-57, as amended by Section 3.3 of S.L. 2017-212, directs the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, to develop and implement an adult and pediatric traumatic brain injury pilot program to be conducted at not less than three and not more than five trauma hospitals licensed in this State.

DHHS must contract with a private entity to operate the pilot program. In selecting this independent private entity DHHS must select an independent entity that has (i) developed software for an interactive quality assessment and quality assurance clinical decision support tool that provides real time, evidence based medical care guidance for intensive care unit patients with severe adult or pediatric traumatic brain injury and (ii) prior experience assisting trauma hospitals in other states in implementing this software.

By February 1, 2018, DHHS must submit a progress report on the development and implementation of the pilot program authorized by this section to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division, with a final report being submitted no later than January 7, 2019.

This section became effective July 1, 2017.