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# SENATE BILL 257: Appropriations Act of 2017, Sec. 11C.14: Eckerd Kids and Caring for Children's Angel Watch Program - Report on the Use of Additional Funds

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**OVERVIEW:** *Sec. 11C.14 of S.L. 2017-57 (SB 257) requires the Division of Social Services, Department of Health and Human Services, to report on the use of additional funds provided by the Appropriations Act in continued support of the Eckerd Kids and Caring for Children's Angel Watch program. This foster care program serves children ages 0 to 10, who are not in the custody of a county department of social services and whose families are temporarily unable to care for them due to a crisis. The report must include the following:*

- *The number of families and children served by the program, including the counties in which the services are provided.*
- *The number of children who enter foster care within six months after their family participates in the program.*
- *A comparison of children with similar needs that do not participate in the program and the number of those children who enter into foster care.*
- *Any other matters deemed relevant.*

*On or before December 1, 2018 the Division is required to submit a report to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division.*

*This section became effective July 1, 2017.*

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