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SENATE BILL 257: Appropriations Act of 2017, Sec. 11A.6: Controlled Substances Reporting System Improvements

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OVERVIEW: Sec. 11A.6 of S.L. 2017-57 appropriates \$1.2 million dollars in recurring funds to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Central Management and Support, for use in developing and implementing software via existing public-private partnerships with the Government Data and Analytics Center (GDAC) for the performance of advanced analytics within the Controlled Substances Reporting System (CSRS). Specifically, the funds are to be used to enhance reports authorized by statute, enhance the Department's ability to provide data to persons or entities authorized to receive information, aggregate relevant data sources, and enhance the Department's ability to generate and deploy advanced analytics to improve opioid prescribing practices, identify unusual prescribing patterns, and detect behavior indicative of misuse, addiction, or criminal activity.

DHHS must execute any contractual agreements and interagency data sharing agreements necessary to complete these improvements by December 1, 2017. To the extent allowable under federal and State laws and regulations, the Department of Information Technology must coordinate with DHHS to develop an interface between the CSRS and the Health Information Exchange (HIE) Network and leverage interfaces already developed between the HIE Network and health care entities as a method of providing CSRS data, reports, and analytic outputs to health care practitioners and dispensers.

This section became effective June 28, 2017.

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