

## SENATE BILL 99: Appropriations Act of 2018, Sec. 11F.6: Cost Analysis for Expansion of the Wright School

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OVERVIEW: Sec. 11F.6 of S.L. 2018-5 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to develop and submit a detailed cost analysis for expanding the Wright School to two additional locations within the State to (i) provide statewide access to best practice, cost-effective, residential mental health treatment to children ages 6 to 13 with serious emotional and behavioral disorders and (ii) support their families and communities in building the capacity to meet their children's special needs at home, school, and within the community. The report must include a detailed cost estimate for two State-operated facilities, one west of Interstate 77 and one east of Interstate 95, projected operating costs for three years for the facilities, and a projected analysis of how the Medicaid program will be impacted by this expansion over a three year period. The report is due to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division by December 1, 2018.

This section became effective July 1, 2018.

