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March 1, 2017

SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Honorable Louis Pate, Chair
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
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North Carolina General Assembly
Room 311, Legislative Office Building
Raleigh, NC 27603-5925

The Honorable Josh Dobson, Chair
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
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North Carolina General Assembly
Room 301N, Legislative Office Building
Raleigh, NC 27603-5925

Dear Chairmen:

Session Law 2016-94, Section 12C.6, requires the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, to report on the use of funds provided in this act to expand the Eckerd Kids and Caring for Children's Angel Watch program, a foster care program for children who are ages zero to six, with siblings up to age 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 shall, at a minimum, include each of the following: The number of families and children served by the program, including the counties in which 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 and any other matters the Division deems relevant.

The Department shall make an interim report in accordance with this section to the House Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division no later than March 1, 2017. Pursuant to the provisions of law, the Department is pleased to submit the attached report.

Please direct all questions concerning this report to Wayne Black, Director of the Division of Social Services, at 919-527-6335 or Wayne.Black@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,



Wayne E. Black

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Mark Trogdon
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Dear Director Trogdon:

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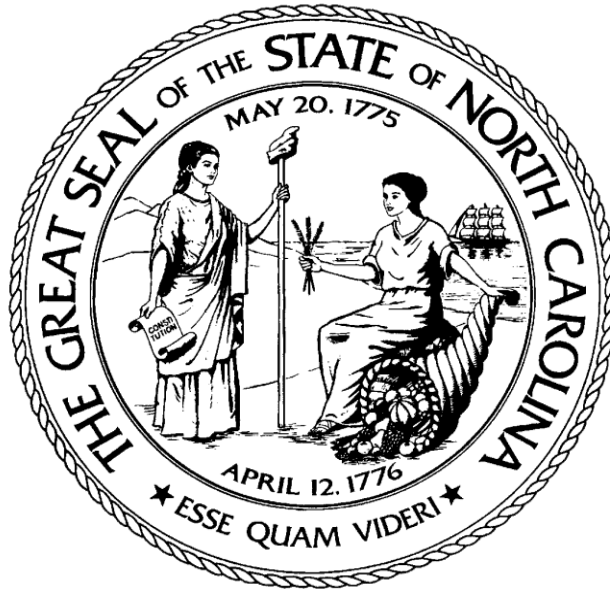
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Eckerd Kids and Caring for Children's Angel Watch Program

Session Law 2016-94, Section 12C.6



Interim Report to the

Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and

Human Services

and

Fiscal Research Division

by

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

March 1, 2017

Reporting Requirements

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- (2) The number of children who enter foster care within six months after their family participates in the program.
- (3) 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.
- (4) Any other matters the Division deems relevant.

SECTION 12C.6.(b) The Division of Social Services shall make an interim report in accordance with this section on or before March 1, 2017. The Division shall submit a final report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division by September 1, 2017.

Number of Children and Families Served by the Program

County	Children	Families	Entering Foster Care
Robeson	6	3	0
Bladen	6	4	0
Scotland	7	5	0
Mecklenburg	12	5	0
Gaston	2	1	0
Wake	7	6	0
Buncombe	22	11	0
Henderson	5	2	0
McDowell	9	3	0
Yancey	2	1	0
TOTAL	78	41	0

Since October 15th, 2016, Angel's Watch has served seventy-eight (78) children through February 2017. To date, none of the seventy-eight (78) children receiving Angel's Watch services have entered the foster care system.