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S.B. No. 45

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 relating to the establishment of an advisory committee on health
2 care information technology.
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4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 104, Health and Safety
6 Code, is amended by adding Section 104.0156 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 104.0156. HEALTH CARE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY
8 COMMITTEE. (a) The statewide health coordinating council shall
9 form an advisory committee on health care information technology.
10 The committee must include representatives of interested groups,
11 including the academic community, health plans, pharmacies, and
12 associations of physicians, hospitals, and nurses.

13 (b) The advisory committee shall develop a long-range plan
14 for health care information technology, including the use of
15 electronic medical records, computerized clinical support systems,
16 computerized physician order entry, regional data sharing
17 interchanges for health care information, and other methods of
18 incorporating information technology in pursuit of greater
19 cost-effectiveness and better patient outcomes in health care.

20 (c) The advisory committee shall elect a presiding officer.

21 (d) Members of the advisory committee serve without
22 compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for the member's
23 travel expenses as provided by Chapter 660, Government Code, and
24 the General Appropriations Act.

1 (e) Chapter 2110, Government Code, does not apply to the
2 size, composition, or duration of the advisory committee.

3 (f) Meetings of the advisory committee under this section
4 are subject to Chapter 551, Government Code.

5 SECTION 2. Subsections (e) and (f), Section 104.022, Health
6 and Safety Code, are amended to read as follows:

7 (e) The state health plan shall be developed and used in
8 accordance with applicable state and federal law. The plan must
9 identify:

10 (1) major statewide health concerns;

11 (2) the availability and use of current health
12 resources of the state, including resources associated with
13 information technology and state-supported institutions of higher
14 education; and

15 (3) future health service, information technology,
16 and facility needs of the state.

17 (f) The state health plan must:

18 (1) propose strategies for the correction of major
19 deficiencies in the service delivery system;

20 (2) propose strategies for incorporating information
21 technology in the service delivery system;

22 (3) propose strategies for involving state-supported
23 institutions of higher education in providing health services and
24 for coordinating those efforts with health and human services
25 agencies in order to close gaps in services; and

26 (4) [~~3~~] provide direction for the state's
27 legislative and executive decision-making processes to implement

1 the strategies proposed by the plan.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.