

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of an advisory committee on health care information technology.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

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

Sec. 104.0156. HEALTH CARE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) The statewide health coordinating council shall form an advisory committee on health care information technology. The committee must include representatives of interested groups, including the academic community, health plans, pharmacies, and associations of physicians, hospitals, and nurses. The committee must also include at least one member with at least 10 years of experience in the health care information technology industry.

(b) The advisory committee shall develop a long-range plan for health care information technology, including the use of electronic medical records, computerized clinical support systems, computerized physician order entry, regional data sharing interchanges for health care information, and other methods of incorporating information technology in pursuit of greater cost-effectiveness and better patient outcomes in health care. In developing the long-range plan, the advisory committee shall study the effect of health care information technology on price disparities in insurance coverage for residents of this state.

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

2        (d) Members of the advisory committee serve without  
3 compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for the members'  
4 travel expenses as provided by Chapter 660, Government Code, and  
5 the General Appropriations Act.

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

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

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

12        (e) The state health plan shall be developed and used in  
13 accordance with applicable state and federal law. The plan must  
14 identify:

15            (1) major statewide health concerns;

16            (2) the availability and use of current health  
17 resources of the state, including resources associated with  
18 information technology and state-supported institutions of higher  
19 education; and

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

22        (f) The state health plan must:

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

25            (2) propose strategies for incorporating information  
26 technology in the service delivery system;

27            (3) propose strategies for involving state-supported

1 institutions of higher education in providing health services and  
2 for coordinating those efforts with health and human services  
3 agencies in order to close gaps in services; and

4 (4) [~~(3)~~] provide direction for the state's  
5 legislative and executive decision-making processes to implement  
6 the strategies proposed by the plan.

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

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 45 passed the Senate on April 14, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendments on May 27, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 45 passed the House, with amendments, on May 25, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor