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S.B. No. 45

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the establishment of an advisory committee on health  
3 care information technology.

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. The committee  
13 must also include at least one member with at least 10 years of  
14 experience in the health care information technology industry.

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

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

23 (d) Members of the advisory committee serve without  
24 compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for the members'

1 travel expenses as provided by Chapter 660, Government Code, and  
2 the General Appropriations Act.

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

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

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

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

- 12 (1) major statewide health concerns;  
13 (2) the availability and use of current health  
14 resources of the state, including resources associated with  
15 information technology and state-supported institutions of higher  
16 education; and

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

19 (f) The state health plan must:

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

22 (2) propose strategies for incorporating information  
23 technology in the service delivery system;

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

1           (4) [~~(3)~~] provide direction for the state's  
2 legislative and executive decision-making processes to implement  
3 the strategies proposed by the plan.

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