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S.B. No. 45

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. HEALTH CARE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY
6 COMMITTEE. (a) Not later than January 1, 2006, the executive
7 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall
8 appoint an advisory committee on health care information
9 technology. The committee must include representatives of
10 interested groups, including the academic community and
11 associations of physicians, hospitals, and nurses.

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

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

23 (d) Chapter 2110, Government Code, does not apply to the
24 advisory committee.

1 SECTION 2. RECOMMENDATIONS. The advisory committee on
2 health care information technology shall deliver its
3 recommendations to the legislature and the executive commissioner
4 of the Health and Human Services Commission not later than
5 September 1, 2006.

6 SECTION 3. EXPIRATION. This Act expires and the advisory
7 committee on health care information technology is abolished
8 September 1, 2006.

9 SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September
10 1, 2005.