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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 45 By: Nelson

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the establishment of an advisory committee on health
1-11 care information technology.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 104, Health and Safety
1-14 Code, is amended by adding Section 104.0156 to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 104.0156. HEALTH CARE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY
1-16 COMMITTEE. (a) The statewide health coordinating council shall
1-17 form an advisory committee on health care information technology.
1-18 The committee must include representatives of interested groups,
1-19 including the academic community, health plans, pharmacies, and
1-20 associations of physicians, hospitals, and nurses.

1-21 (b) The advisory committee shall develop a long-range plan
1-22 for health care information technology, including the use of
1-23 electronic medical records, computerized clinical support systems,
1-24 computerized physician order entry, regional data sharing
1-25 interchanges for health care information, and other methods of
1-26 incorporating information technology in pursuit of greater
1-27 cost-effectiveness and better patient outcomes in health care.

1-28 (c) The advisory committee shall elect a presiding officer.

1-29 (d) Members of the advisory committee serve without
1-30 compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for the member's
1-31 travel expenses as provided by Chapter 660, Government Code, and
1-32 the General Appropriations Act.

1-33 (e) Chapter 2110, Government Code, does not apply to the
1-34 size, composition, or duration of the advisory committee.

1-35 (f) Meetings of the advisory committee under this section
1-36 are subject to Chapter 551, Government Code.

1-37 SECTION 2. Subsections (e) and (f), Section 104.022, Health
1-38 and Safety Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-39 (e) The state health plan shall be developed and used in
1-40 accordance with applicable state and federal law. The plan must
1-41 identify:

1-42 (1) major statewide health concerns;

1-43 (2) the availability and use of current health
1-44 resources of the state, including resources associated with
1-45 information technology and state-supported institutions of higher
1-46 education; and

1-47 (3) future health service, information technology,
1-48 and facility needs of the state.

1-49 (f) The state health plan must:

1-50 (1) propose strategies for the correction of major
1-51 deficiencies in the service delivery system;

1-52 (2) propose strategies for incorporating information
1-53 technology in the service delivery system;

1-54 (3) propose strategies for involving state-supported
1-55 institutions of higher education in providing health services and
1-56 for coordinating those efforts with health and human services
1-57 agencies in order to close gaps in services; and

1-58 (4) [+3+] provide direction for the state's
1-59 legislative and executive decision-making processes to implement
1-60 the strategies proposed by the plan.

1-61 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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