

Amend **CSSB 1**, as introduced, as follows:

(1) In **ARTICLE 12** of the bill, insert a new Section, appropriately numbered, to read as follows:

Sec.____. Health Information Technology and Veterans care. To the extent allowed by federal law and regulations, if additional federal dollars are received, out of funds appropriated above in Item 1, the Texas Legislature will allocate \$75,000,000 to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to coordinate with the Veterans Administration, Federally Qualified Health Centers and the Texas Health Services Authority to coordinate a seamless health information exchange program for veterans. DSHS will facilitate the Health Information Technology/Exchange program statewide through Federally Qualified Health Centers. DSHS shall report to the Legislative Budget Board before September 30, 2009, regarding programs and recovery funding streams in other state and local agencies that could be part of the coordinated Health Information Technology/Exchange strategy including funds allocated for veterans programs, health information technology, and/or any other recovery funds.

(2) Renumber subsequent Sections of **ARTICLE 12** of the bill appropriately.