

1-1 By: Crownover, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Watson) H.B. No. 3781
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 18, 2015;
 1-3 May 18, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Health
 1-4 and Human Services; May 22, 2015, reported adversely, with
 1-5 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9,
 1-6 Nays 0; May 22, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 3781 By: Schwertner

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the creation of the Texas Health Improvement Network.
 1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-23 SECTION 1. Subtitle E, Title 2, Health and Safety Code, is
 1-24 amended by adding Chapter 118 to read as follows:

1-25 CHAPTER 118. TEXAS HEALTH IMPROVEMENT NETWORK
 1-26 SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1-27 Sec. 118.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "network" means
 1-28 the Texas Health Improvement Network established under this
 1-29 chapter.

1-30 SUBCHAPTER B. NETWORK

1-31 Sec. 118.051. ESTABLISHMENT; PURPOSE. (a) The Texas
 1-32 Health Improvement Network is established to address urgent health
 1-33 care challenges and improve the health care system in this state and
 1-34 the nation and to develop, based on population health research,
 1-35 health care initiatives, policies, and best practices.

1-36 (b) The purpose of the network is to:
 1-37 (1) reduce the per capita costs of health care;
 1-38 (2) improve the individual experience of health care,
 1-39 including the quality of care and patient satisfaction; and
 1-40 (3) improve the health of residents of this state.

1-41 Sec. 118.052. COMPOSITION OF NETWORK. The network consists
 1-42 of experts in:

- 1-43 (1) general public health and other medical fields;
- 1-44 (2) mental health;
- 1-45 (3) nursing;
- 1-46 (4) pharmacy;
- 1-47 (5) social work;
- 1-48 (6) health economics;
- 1-49 (7) health policy and law;
- 1-50 (8) epidemiology;
- 1-51 (9) biostatistics;
- 1-52 (10) health informatics;
- 1-53 (11) health services research;
- 1-54 (12) engineering; and
- 1-55 (13) computer science.

1-56 Sec. 118.053. DUTIES. (a) The network shall establish as
 1-57 its primary goals:

- 1-58 (1) evaluating and eliminating health disparities in
 1-59 this state, including racial, ethnic, geographic, and
 1-60 income-related or education-related disparities; and

2-1 (2) health care cost containment and the economic
2-2 analysis of health policy.

2-3 (b) The network shall:

2-4 (1) function as an incubator and evaluator of health
2-5 improvement practices; and

2-6 (2) support local communities in this state by
2-7 offering leadership training, data analytics, community health
2-8 assessments, and grant writing support to local communities.

2-9 Sec. 118.054. ADMINISTRATIVE ATTACHMENT TO THE UNIVERSITY
2-10 OF TEXAS SYSTEM. (a) The network is administratively attached to
2-11 The University of Texas System.

2-12 (b) The University of Texas System shall administer and
2-13 coordinate the network and provide administrative support to the
2-14 network as necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

2-15 Sec. 118.055. GIFTS AND GRANTS. The network may accept and
2-16 administer gifts and grants to fund the network from an individual,
2-17 corporation, trust, or foundation or the federal government,
2-18 subject to any limitations or conditions imposed by law.

2-19 Sec. 118.056. REPORT. The network shall report the results
2-20 of the network's efforts, findings, and activities to the
2-21 legislature, state and federal partners, and other interested
2-22 entities.

2-23 SUBCHAPTER C. ADVISORY COUNCIL

2-24 Sec. 118.101. ADVISORY COUNCIL. The network shall
2-25 establish an advisory council to advise the network on the health
2-26 care needs of this state.

2-27 Sec. 118.102. COMPOSITION OF ADVISORY COUNCIL. The
2-28 advisory council is composed of:

2-29 (1) members who are appointed by an executive officer
2-30 of The University of Texas System and nominated by participants in
2-31 the network and who are:

2-32 (A) state and national leaders in population
2-33 health;

2-34 (B) experts in traditional public health and
2-35 medical fields; and

2-36 (C) leaders in the fields of behavioral health,
2-37 business, insurance, philanthropy, education, and health law and
2-38 policy; and

2-39 (2) representatives from the department and the
2-40 commission, selected by the executive head of the agency.

2-41 Sec. 118.103. TERMS. Members of the advisory council serve
2-42 staggered three-year terms, with the terms of one-third of the
2-43 members expiring on January 1 of each year.

2-44 Sec. 118.104. PRESIDING OFFICER. The executive officer of
2-45 The University of Texas System who appoints members to the advisory
2-46 council shall appoint a presiding officer from among the members to
2-47 serve a one-year term.

2-48 Sec. 118.105. MEETINGS. The advisory council shall meet at
2-49 the call of the presiding officer or at other times that the council
2-50 determines are necessary or appropriate.

2-51 Sec. 118.106. COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT. A member of
2-52 the advisory council may not receive compensation for service on
2-53 the advisory council but may be reimbursed for travel expenses
2-54 incurred by the member while conducting the business of the
2-55 advisory council, if funds are available for that purpose, as
2-56 provided by the General Appropriations Act.

2-57 Sec. 118.107. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER LAW. Chapter 2110,
2-58 Government Code, does not apply to the advisory council.

2-59 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
2-60 of this Act, The University of Texas System shall establish the
2-61 Texas Health Improvement Network as required by Chapter 118, Health
2-62 and Safety Code, as added by this Act.

2-63 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-64 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-65 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-66 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-67 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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