By: Sheffield H.B. No. 1976

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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- 2 relating to a study of the use of a patient-reported outcomes
- 3 registry in conjunction with health coverage for certain
- 4 governmental employees.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 6 SECTION 1. STUDY; PATIENT-REPORTED OUTCOMES REGISTRIES FOR
- 7 CERTAIN CARE. The Teacher Retirement System of Texas and the
- 8 Employees Retirement System of Texas shall jointly conduct a study
- 9 of the benefits and disadvantages of establishing a
- 10 patient-reported outcomes registry for musculoskeletal care
- 11 provided under the plans of group coverage administered by the
- 12 systems under Chapters 1551, 1575, and 1579, Insurance Code. The
- 13 study conducted under this section must:
- 14 (1) identify the musculoskeletal conditions and
- 15 injuries that result in the highest cost for health care in the
- 16 plans of group coverage;
- 17 (2) identify the percentage of the total cost for
- 18 health care under the plans of group coverage that is spent for the
- 19 conditions and injuries described by Subdivision (1) of this
- 20 section;
- 21 (3) estimate the cost for the systems, or for the
- 22 entities administering the plans of group coverage on the systems'
- 23 behalf, to establish and administer a patient-reported outcomes
- 24 registry for musculoskeletal care;

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- 1 (4) evaluate the potential benefits of a
- 2 patient-reported outcomes registry for musculoskeletal care for
- 3 the populations served by the plans of group coverage; and
- 4 (5) identify potential partners, such as medical
- 5 schools located in this state, that could assist the systems in
- 6 establishing and administering a patient-reported outcomes
- 7 registry for musculoskeletal care.
- 8 SECTION 2. REPORT. Not later than December 1, 2018, the
- 9 Teacher Retirement System of Texas and the Employees Retirement
- 10 System of Texas shall report the results of the study conducted
- 11 under Section 1 of this Act to the speaker of the house of
- 12 representatives, the lieutenant governor, and the standing
- 13 committees of the house and the senate with jurisdiction over the
- 14 retirement systems and insurance. The report must:
- 15 (1) specify whether establishing one or more
- 16 patient-reported outcomes registries for musculoskeletal care
- 17 would be beneficial and effective; and
- 18 (2) be accompanied by recommendations for
- 19 legislation, if appropriate.
- 20 SECTION 3. EXPIRATION. Sections 1 and 2 of this Act and this
- 21 section expire September 1, 2019.
- 22 SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September
- 23 1, 2017.