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S.B. No. 55

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
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;

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 a
5 collaborative partnership between medical schools and chiropractic
6 colleges located in this state, that could assist the systems in
7 establishing and administering a patient-reported outcomes
8 registry for musculoskeletal care.

9 SECTION 2. REPORT. Not later than December 1, 2018, the
10 Teacher Retirement System of Texas and the Employees Retirement
11 System of Texas shall report the results of the study conducted
12 under Section 1 of this Act to the speaker of the house of
13 representatives, the lieutenant governor, and the standing
14 committees of the house and the senate with jurisdiction over the
15 retirement systems and insurance. The report must:

16 (1) specify whether establishing one or more
17 patient-reported outcomes registries for musculoskeletal care
18 would be beneficial and effective; and

19 (2) be accompanied by recommendations for
20 legislation, if appropriate.

21 SECTION 3. EXPIRATION. Sections 1 and 2 of this Act and
22 this section expire September 1, 2019.

23 SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September
24 1, 2017.