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S.B. No. 55

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
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 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.