

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 55  
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 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;  
 1-4 April 25, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8,  
 1-5 Nays 0; April 25, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to a study of the use of a patient-reported outcomes  
 1-20 registry in conjunction with health coverage for certain  
 1-21 governmental employees.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. STUDY; PATIENT-REPORTED OUTCOMES REGISTRIES FOR  
 1-24 CERTAIN CARE. The Teacher Retirement System of Texas and the  
 1-25 Employees Retirement System of Texas shall jointly conduct a study  
 1-26 of the benefits and disadvantages of establishing a  
 1-27 patient-reported outcomes registry for musculoskeletal care  
 1-28 provided under the plans of group coverage administered by the  
 1-29 systems under Chapters 1551, 1575, and 1579, Insurance Code. The  
 1-30 study conducted under this section must:

1-31 (1) identify the musculoskeletal conditions and  
 1-32 injuries that result in the highest cost for health care in the  
 1-33 plans of group coverage;

1-34 (2) identify the percentage of the total cost for  
 1-35 health care under the plans of group coverage that is spent for the  
 1-36 conditions and injuries described by Subdivision (1) of this  
 1-37 section;

1-38 (3) estimate the cost for the systems, or for the  
 1-39 entities administering the plans of group coverage on the systems'  
 1-40 behalf, to establish and administer a patient-reported outcomes  
 1-41 registry for musculoskeletal care;

1-42 (4) evaluate the potential benefits of a  
 1-43 patient-reported outcomes registry for musculoskeletal care for  
 1-44 the populations served by the plans of group coverage; and

1-45 (5) identify potential partners, such as medical  
 1-46 schools located in this state, that could assist the systems in  
 1-47 establishing and administering a patient-reported outcomes  
 1-48 registry for musculoskeletal care.

1-49 SECTION 2. REPORT. Not later than December 1, 2018, the  
 1-50 Teacher Retirement System of Texas and the Employees Retirement  
 1-51 System of Texas shall report the results of the study conducted  
 1-52 under Section 1 of this Act to the speaker of the house of  
 1-53 representatives, the lieutenant governor, and the standing  
 1-54 committees of the house and the senate with jurisdiction over the  
 1-55 retirement systems and insurance. The report must:

1-56 (1) specify whether establishing one or more  
 1-57 patient-reported outcomes registries for musculoskeletal care  
 1-58 would be beneficial and effective; and

1-59 (2) be accompanied by recommendations for  
 1-60 legislation, if appropriate.

1-61 SECTION 3. EXPIRATION. Sections 1 and 2 of this Act and

2-1 this section expire September 1, 2019.

2-2 SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September

2-3 1, 2017.

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