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HUMAN RESOURCES

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the establishment of a health care
2 information technology and infrastructure advisory committee,
3 and making an appropriation.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135.151 LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND
2 INTENT.

3 The general assembly recognizes research indicating that
4 the application of information technology such as electronic
5 medical records, computer-based physician order entry, and
6 electronic data interchange has significant potential for
7 improving health care quality and safety and obtaining
8 efficiencies in the health care delivery system. The general
9 assembly also recognizes that these efficiencies can be
10 significantly improved if there are statewide standards to
11 enable the sharing of information among health care payers,
12 providers, consumers, and governmental entities. The state
13 has an interest in designing and implementing a statewide
14 interoperable health care information infrastructure that
15 includes standards for administrative data exchange, clinical
16 support programs, quality performance measures, and the
17 maintenance of the security and confidentiality of individual
18 patient data. It is the intent of the general assembly to
19 promote the implementation and development of this
20 infrastructure by establishing a health care information
21 technology and infrastructure advisory committee to assist in
22 the development of a health care information technology
23 strategic plan.

24 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 135.152 HEALTH CARE INFORMATION
25 TECHNOLOGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE -- DUTIES.

26 1. a. The department shall establish a health care
27 information technology and infrastructure advisory committee.
28 Members shall be appointed by the director of public health,
29 and shall include representatives of the department of human
30 services, licensed hospitals and other licensed health care
31 facilities or providers, licensed health care professionals,
32 institutions of higher education in the state, health insurers
33 and health maintenance organizations, and other parties with
34 an interest and expertise in health care information
35 technology. Members shall serve staggered terms of two years.

1 Appointments of members of the committee shall comply with
2 sections 69.16 and 69.16A. Vacancies shall be filled by the
3 original appointing authority and in the manner of the
4 original appointment. Members shall receive actual expenses
5 incurred while serving in their official capacity and may also
6 be eligible to receive compensation as provided in section
7 7E.6. The committee shall annually select a chairperson from
8 its membership. A majority of the members of the committee
9 shall constitute a quorum.

10 2. The advisory committee shall assist the department in
11 all of the following activities:

12 a. Development of a health care information technology
13 strategic plan. The strategic plan shall include an inventory
14 and assessment of existing health care information technology
15 infrastructure and systems, and shall identify the required
16 steps to develop a statewide interoperable health care
17 information infrastructure within a ten-year time frame. The
18 steps identified shall include estimates of necessary
19 financial resources for development of the infrastructure, and
20 for determining standards for development of administrative
21 data exchange, clinical support systems, data warehousing,
22 smart cards, personal medical records, and the maintenance of
23 the security and confidentiality of individual patient data.
24 The plan shall be submitted by the director to the governor
25 and the general assembly by January 1, 2007.

26 b. Plan implementation, including the promulgation of
27 rules regarding application of the standards identified in
28 paragraph "a" to hospitals, nursing homes, and other licensed
29 health care facilities and education organizations, and
30 identification of potential sources of financial assistance to
31 such entities and organizations relating to that application.

32 c. Preparation of an annual report, to be submitted by the
33 director to the governor and the general assembly by January
34 1, providing a status report regarding plan development and
35 implementation. The report shall detail progress made during

1 the previous year, itemize expenditures of any appropriated
2 funds, and make a recommendation regarding the amount of
3 funding necessary to fully implement the plan and establish
4 the infrastructure.

5 Sec. 3. HEALTH CARE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND
6 INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE -- APPROPRIATION. There is
7 appropriated from the general fund of the state to the Iowa
8 department of public health for the fiscal year beginning July
9 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2006, the following amount, or so
10 much thereof as may be necessary, to be utilized for the
11 purpose designated:

12 \$ 250,000

13 Amounts appropriated pursuant to this section shall be
14 utilized by and in support of the health care information
15 technology and infrastructure advisory committee established
16 in section 135.152 in the development of a health care
17 information technology strategic plan. Notwithstanding
18 section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this section that remain
19 unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year
20 shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure
21 for the purpose designated until the close of the succeeding
22 fiscal year.

23 EXPLANATION

24 This bill provides for the establishment of a health care
25 information technology and infrastructure advisory committee.
26 The committee shall provide assistance to the Iowa department
27 of public health in developing a health care information
28 technology strategic plan relating to the establishment of a
29 statewide interoperable health care information infrastructure
30 within a 10-year period.

31 The bill provides legislative intent language regarding the
32 importance of information technology in improving health care
33 quality and safety and obtaining efficiencies in the health
34 care delivery system. The bill provides that the state has an
35 interest in designing and implementing a statewide

1 interoperable health care information infrastructure to
2 facilitate the development of statewide standards to enable
3 the sharing of information among health care payers,
4 providers, consumers, and governmental entities.

5 The bill provides that the department shall establish a
6 health care information technology and infrastructure advisory
7 committee. The bill provides that members shall be appointed
8 by the director and shall include representatives of the
9 department of human services, licensed hospitals and other
10 licensed health care facilities or providers, licensed health
11 care professionals, institutions of higher education in the
12 state, health insurers and health maintenance organizations,
13 and other parties with an interest and expertise in health
14 care information technology. The bill specifies provisions
15 relating to membership appointment, terms, and compensation.

16 The bill provides that the advisory committee shall assist
17 the department in developing a health care information
18 technology strategic plan that includes an inventory and
19 assessment of existing health care information technology
20 infrastructure and systems, and identifies the required steps
21 to develop a statewide interoperable health care information
22 infrastructure within a 10-year time frame. The bill provides
23 that the plan shall be submitted by the director to the
24 governor and the general assembly by January 1, 2007. The
25 bill provides that the committee shall additionally assist
26 with plan implementation, including the promulgation of rules
27 regarding application of the identified standards to
28 hospitals, nursing homes, and other licensed health care
29 facilities and education organizations, and identification of
30 potential sources of financial assistance to such entities and
31 organizations relating to that application. The bill provides
32 that the committee shall also assist in the preparation of an
33 annual report, to be submitted by the director to the governor
34 and the general assembly by January 1, providing a status
35 report regarding plan development and implementation.

1 The bill provides for an appropriation from the general
2 fund of the state to the department for the fiscal year
3 beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2006, of \$250,000
4 for utilization by and in support of the committee, and
5 provides for nonreversion of the funds.

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