

By the Committee on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; and  
Senator Peadar

317-2313-04

1                                   A bill to be entitled

2           An act relating to electronic medical records;

3           creating the Statewide Electronic Medical

4           Records Task Force to advise the Agency for

5           Health Care Administration in developing

6           policies relating to electronic medical

7           records; requiring the Governor to appoint

8           members to the task force; requiring quarterly

9           meetings; authorizing per diem reimbursement

10          for members of the task force; requiring the

11          agency to provide personnel support to the task

12          force; authorizing the agency to enter into

13          contracts; requiring that certain issues be

14          studied by the task force; requiring the task

15          force to issue an annual report; providing for

16          the contents of any implementation plan

17          proposed by the task force; providing for

18          expiration of the task force; providing an

19          appropriation; providing an effective date.

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21 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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23           Section 1. The Statewide Electronic Medical Records

24 Task Force is created to serve as a body of experts to advise

25 the Agency for Health Care Administration in developing

26 policies related to electronic medical records and the

27 technology required for sharing clinical information among

28 caregivers.

29           (1) The task force shall be appointed by the Governor

30 and meet at least quarterly.

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1           (2) Members of the task force shall serve without  
2 compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for per diem  
3 and travel expenses as provided in section 112.061, Florida  
4 Statutes.

5           (3) The agency shall provide personnel to support the  
6 functions of the task force and to assist the task force in  
7 creating the electronic medical records system. The agency may  
8 enter into contracts to carry out this act.

9           (4) The task force shall advise the Governor, the  
10 Legislature, and the agency on the:

11           (a) Public and private sector initiatives relating to  
12 electronic medical records and the communication systems used  
13 to share clinical information among caregivers;

14           (b) Regulatory barriers that interfere with the  
15 sharing of clinical information among caregivers;

16           (c) Investment incentives that might be used to  
17 promote the use of recommended technologies by health care  
18 providers;

19           (d) Educational strategies that could be implemented  
20 to educate health care providers about the recommended  
21 technologies for sharing clinical information; and

22           (e) Standards for public access to facilitate the  
23 disclosure of pricing, costs, and quality.

24           (5) The task force shall send to the Governor, the  
25 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
26 Representatives a report by November 30, 2004, and annually  
27 thereafter. Each report must include any recommendations or  
28 implementation plan developed by the task force. If the task  
29 force proposes an implementation plan, the proposed plan must  
30 include, but need not be limited to, the capital investment  
31 required to begin implementing the system; the costs to

1 operate the system; the financial incentives recommended to  
2 increase capital investment; data concerning the providers  
3 initially committed to participate in the system, by region;  
4 the standards for systemic functionality and features; any  
5 marketing plan to increase participation; and implementation  
6 schedules for key components.

7 (6) This act expires July 1, 2007.

8 Section 2. The sum of \$2 million is appropriated from  
9 the General Revenue Fund to the Agency for Health Care  
10 Administration for the purpose of implementing this act during  
11 the 2004-2005 fiscal year.

12 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
13 law.

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15 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
17 Senate Bill 2206

18 The committee Substitute changes the title of the Electronic  
19 Medical Records Advisory Panel to the Electronic Medical  
20 Records Task Force.  
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