By Senator Ring

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A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to a health information 3 network; creating s. 408.064, F.S.; providing 4 legislative intent; requiring the Agency for 5 Health Care Administration to develop and 6 implement a plan for forming and operating a 7 health information network by a certain date; 8 providing duties and responsibilities of the 9 agency; providing an effective date. 10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 11 12 13 Section 1. Section 408.064, Florida Statutes, is created to read: 14 408.064 Florida Health Information Network. --15 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that the state 16 promote the establishment of a privacy-protected and secure integrated statewide network for communicating electronic 18 health information among authorized parties and foster a 19 coordinated public-private initiative for developing and 2.0 21 operating Florida's health information infrastructure. 22 (2) The Agency for Health Care Administration shall 23 promote the development of a health information network as a public-private partnership among the state's providers, 2.4 payors, consumers, employers, public health officials, medical 2.5 researchers, and other health care stakeholders. The agency 26 27 shall develop a plan and performance standards for forming and 28 operating the health information network. (3) The agency shall: 29 30 (a) Institute a statewide health information network in the state by July 1, 2008, by:

1	1. Devising and implementing a strategic plan for
2	infrastructure development and periodically evaluating and
3	modifying that plan.
4	2. Developing and maintaining the technical
5	infrastructure that is necessary to perform the functions of
6	the network consistent with the strategic plan.
7	3. Promoting an integrated approach to efforts to
8	create a secure network for communicating electronic health
9	information in the state.
10	4. Marketing the network to promote widespread use of
11	the network.
12	5. Assisting in developing and expanding existing
13	local or regional health information networks and in creating
14	new networks.
15	(b) Develop and implement specific programs or
16	strategies that address the creation, development, and
17	expansion of regional or local health information networks and
18	the recruitment of participants in the network.
19	(c) Specify standards among regional and local health
20	information networks and other participants to promote
21	effective statewide and interstate interoperability.
22	(d) Regularly assess the adoption of electronic health
23	records systems and the use of the statewide network by
24	providers, consumers, public health officers, and other health
25	care stakeholders in order to identify and regularly
26	reevaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the state's health
27	information infrastructure, assess opportunities to increase
28	consumer access to the consumer's health records, and
29	incorporate such information into its regular strategic
30	planning process.
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1	(e) Develop and enforce privacy, security,
2	operational, and technical standards among regional and local
3	health information networks in order to ensure effective
4	statewide privacy, data security, efficiency, and
5	interoperability across networks. The network's standards
6	shall be quided by reference to widely adopted standards or
7	standards accepted by recognized national standard-setting
8	organizations.
9	Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
10	law.
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14	Requires the Agency for Health Care Administration to
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