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Requesting the Secretary of Technology to study the interfacing of electronic medical records and information. Report.

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Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, an online system that interfaces electronic medical records and information allows medical providers to access a patient's health information from associated electronic medical record systems in a uniform and single-document format; and

WHEREAS, the demand for health care interfaces with electronic medical records is increasing due to widespread adoption of electronic medical record systems, emerging clinical health care data standards, and increasing interoperability requirements; and

WHEREAS, health care interfaces with electronic medical records allow medical providers to provide informed care and spend more time interacting with patients; and

WHEREAS, the development of an effective and efficient electronic medical records and information interface in the Commonwealth may promote better patient safety, treatment outcomes, and overall operational efficiency; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Secretary of Technology be requested to study the interfacing of electronic medical records and information.

In conducting its study, the Secretary of Technology shall (i) study the development of an effective and efficient system that interfaces electronic medical records and information, including clinical encounters, vital signs, medication history, laboratory results, allergies, medical conditions, and other relevant information, throughout the Commonwealth using common medical coding; (ii) identify strategies to implement such health care interface and the costs associated therewith; (iii) assess various testing strategies for such interface, including black-box testing; (iv) recommend security and data standards for the interface; and (v) develop a systematic approach to interface operation, including developing, testing, implementing, and maintaining the interface.

All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Secretary of Technology for this study, upon request.

The Secretary of Technology shall complete his meetings by November 30, 2017, and shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly an executive summary and a report of his findings and recommendations for publication as a House or Senate document. The executive summary and report shall be submitted as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports no later than the first day of the 2018 Regular Session of the General Assembly and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.

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