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House Bill 5336 (Substitute S-2 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)
Sponsor: Representative Gary A. Newell
House Committee: Health Policy
Senate Committee: Health Policy

CONTENT

The bill would add Part 25 (Health Information Technology) to the Public Health Code to create the Health Information Technology Commission within the Department of Community Health to facilitate and promote the design, implementation, operation, and maintenance of an interoperable health care information infrastructure in Michigan.

The Commission would consist of 15 members appointed by the Governor. The appointed members would have to include representatives from both the public and private sectors, and have experience and expertise in specific areas.

The Commission would have to meet at least quarterly and, by appointing advisory committees, ensure adequate opportunity for the participation of health care professionals and outside advisors.

The Commission would have to do each of the following:

- Develop and maintain a strategic plan to guide the implementation of an interoperable health information technology system that would reduce medical errors, improve quality of care, and produce greater value for health care expenditures.
- Identify critical technical, scientific, economic, and other critical issues affecting the public and private adoption of health information technology.
- Recommend policies and measures necessary to achieve widespread adoption of health information technology.
- Increase the public's understanding of health information technology.
- Promote more efficient and effective communication among multiple health care providers.
- Identify strategies to improve the ability to monitor community health status.
- Report and make recommendations annually to the Legislature.

Proposed MCL 333.2501 - 333.2507

Legislative Analyst: Julie Koval

FISCAL IMPACT

It is likely that the bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government. The bill possibly could create a small amount of administrative cost to the State related to providing technical support for the Health Information Technology Commission.

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