

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Promoting standardized health information technologies will improve the functioning of the Medicaid program and will ensure that any health information technology is interoperable with other health information systems.

As proposed, S.B. 289 requires the Health and Human Services Commission to ensure that any health information technology used in the medical assistance program or the child health plan program conforms to the standards adopted by the Healthcare Information Technology Standards Panel.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter B, Chapter 32, Human Resources Code, by adding Section 32.073, as follows:

Sec. 32.073. HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STANDARDS. (a) Defines "health information technology."

(b) Requires the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to ensure that any health information technology used in the medical assistance program conforms to the standards adopted by the Healthcare Information Technology Standards Panel sponsored by the American National Standards Institute.

SECTION 2. Amends Subchapter B, Chapter 62, Health and Safety Code, by adding Section 62.060, as follows:

Sec. 62.060. HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STANDARDS. (a) Defines "health information technology."

(b) Requires HHSC to ensure that any health information technology used in the child health plan program conforms to the standards adopted by the Healthcare Information Technology Standards Panel sponsored by the American National Standards Institute.

SECTION 3. Requires HHSC, if necessary for implementation of a provision of this Act, to request a waiver or authorization from a federal agency, and authorizes delay of implementation until such waivers or authorizations are granted.

SECTION 4. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2009.