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By: **Senator Hollinger**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Electronic Health Records**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study Electronic Health Records;  
4 providing for the composition of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to elect  
5 a chair of the Task Force from among the Task Force's members; requiring the  
6 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to provide staffing for the Task  
7 Force; prohibiting members from receiving compensation but entitling members  
8 to reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study  
9 electronic health records and the current and potential expansion of electronic  
10 health record utilization in the State; requiring the Task Force to submit a  
11 certain report on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this  
12 Act; and generally relating to a Task Force to Study Electronic Health Records.

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
14 MARYLAND, That:

15 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Electronic Health Records.

16 (b) The Task Force consists of the following 22 members:

17 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of  
18 the Senate;

19 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of  
20 the House;

21 (3) the Dean from the University of Maryland School of Medicine or the  
22 Dean's designee;

23 (4) the Dean from the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine or the Dean's  
24 designee;

25 (5) the Dean from the Uniformed Services University of the Health  
26 Sciences F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine or the Dean's designee;

27 (6) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

- 1 (i) one representative from the Department of Health and Mental  
2 Hygiene;
- 3 (ii) one representative from the Department of Budget and  
4 Management;
- 5 (iii) one representative from the Attorney General's Office;
- 6 (iv) two representatives from the Maryland Hospital Association,  
7 one of whom represents a community hospital;
- 8 (v) one representative from the Medical Records Privacy  
9 Commission;
- 10 (vi) one representative from the Maryland/DC Collaborative for  
11 Healthcare Information Technology;
- 12 (vii) one representative from home health care;
- 13 (viii) one representative from a medical laboratory;
- 14 (ix) one representative from a nursing home or long-term care  
15 facility;
- 16 (x) one representative from the information technology field as it  
17 relates to health care;
- 18 (xi) one representative from the health insurance industry;
- 19 (xii) one licensed physician;
- 20 (xiii) one licensed nurse;
- 21 (xiv) one licensed pharmacist; and
- 22 (xv) two consumer members.

23 (c) The members of the Task Force shall elect a chair from among the Task  
24 Force's members.

25 (d) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall provide staff for the  
26 Task Force.

27 (e) A member of the Task Force:

28 (1) may not receive compensation; but

29 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State  
30 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

1 (f) The Task Force shall study electronic health records and the current and  
2 potential expansion of electronic health record utilization in the State, including:

- 3 (1) electronic transfer;
- 4 (2) electronic prescribing;
- 5 (3) computerized physician order entry; and
- 6 (4) the cost of implementing items (1) through (3) of this subsection in  
7 the State.

8 (g) The Task Force shall report its findings to the Governor and, subject to §  
9 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on or before December  
10 31, 2006.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
12 July 1, 2005. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 6 months and, at the  
13 end of December 31, 2006, with no further action required by the General Assembly,  
14 this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.