

HOUSE BILL 390

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 10; Title 33;
Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to
medical interoperability.

WHEREAS, medical data is essential to not only the prompt and accurate diagnosis of a patient's present condition, but also the continued managed care of the patient and the greater aggregation and analysis of population health conditions for establishing evidence-based trends, protocols, and treatments; and

WHEREAS, medical interoperability is a means of healthcare technology systems communicating and sharing data, including all data involved in patient care, from a patient's medical history to the real-time data that can be transmitted by medical devices directly to electronic health records; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Medical Interoperability located in Nashville, which is developing the national wireless lab to establish best practices for wireless medical devices in an effort to formulate wireless technology standards and certifications, positions Tennessee at the forefront of this issue; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of this State would be better served by a common communication standard for medical devices that will bridge point-of-care information, health applications, and various technologies, and enable all patient data to be connected across the spectrum of care, whether home, ambulatory, acute, or post-acute; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1.

(a) The department of health shall study the feasibility of promoting and implementing medical interoperability in this state. The department may request assistance from other state agencies in conducting the study, including, but not limited to, the department of commerce and insurance. All state agencies shall, upon request, assist the department of health in conducting the study.

(b) The department shall report its findings and recommendations to the governor, the speaker of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the chair of the health and welfare committee of the senate, and the chair of the health committee of the house of representatives no later than December 31, 2019. The report must include legislative and executive actions needed to promote and implement medical interoperability.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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