OLR Bill Analysis

HB 7131

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ENTITY ESTABLISHED TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM EXPEDITING DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE-WIDE HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE.

SUMMARY

This bill removes the eight-member cap on the board of directors of the entity the law established to expedite the development of the State-Wide Health Information Exchange. (It does not specify who appoints the additional board members or their required qualifications.) The bill also makes the board’s chairperson, the state health information technology officer, a voting member.

PA 17-2, June Special Session requires the Office of Policy and Management, in collaboration with the health information technology officer and the Office of Health Strategy, to establish an entity to, among other things, (1) help establish and maintain the exchange and (2) serve as an intermediary between the exchange’s customers and public and private stakeholders. (The entity is not yet operational.)

By law, the exchange must allow real-time, secure access to patient health information across all provider settings.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 24  Nay 0  (03/01/2019)