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12/16/2008 House Referred to Committee on **Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs**

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2/11/2009 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs** [HJ](file:///h:\HJ%20Archive\2009\02-11-09.docx)‑3

2/12/2009 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Hart, Loftis

2/18/2009 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: R.L.Brown, Whipper

2/18/2009 House Requests for debate‑Rep(s). GR Smith, Delleney, Bedingfield, Hamilton, JR Smith, Allison, Parker, Owens, TR Young, and Duncan [HJ](file:///h:\HJ%20Archive\2009\02-18-09.docx)‑27

2/24/2009 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: King

2/24/2009 House Debate adjourned until Wednesday, February 25, 2009 [HJ](file:///h:\HJ%20Archive\2009\02-24-09.docx)‑48

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2/26/2009 House Roll call Yeas‑100 Nays‑13 [HJ](file:///h:\HJ%20Archive\2009\02-26-09.docx)‑24

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2/27/2009 House Read third time and sent to Senate [HJ](file:///h:\HJ%20Archive\2009\02-27-09.docx)‑2

3/3/2009 Senate Introduced and read first time [SJ](file:///h:\SJ%20Archive\2009\03-03-09.docx)‑11

3/3/2009 Senate Referred to Committee on **Medical Affairs** [SJ](file:///h:\SJ%20Archive\2009\03-03-09.docx)‑11

3/9/2010 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Medical Affairs** [SJ](file:///h:\SJ%20Archive\2010\03-09-10.docx)‑15

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3/24/2010 House Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled [HJ](file:///h:\HJ%20Archive\2010\03-24-10.docx)‑21

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(A343, R156, H3170)

**A JOINT RESOLUTION TO CREATE THE JOINT ELECTRONIC HEALTH INFORMATION STUDY COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF INCREASING THE USE OF HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND ELECTRONIC PERSONAL HEALTH RECORDS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE STUDY COMMITTEE’S MEMBERSHIP, AND TO REQUIRE THE STUDY COMMITTEE TO REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BEFORE FEBRUARY 15, 2011, AT WHICH TIME THE STUDY COMMITTEE IS ABOLISHED.**

Whereas, health information technology and the use of electronic personal health records have been shown to reduce medical errors, and improve diagnoses and overall health care by allowing doctors and patients alike to track patient prescriptions, allergies, and medical histories; and

Whereas, the use of health information technology and the use of electronic personal health records increase patient privacy and security by requiring persons accessing records to authenticate their identities and by creating and storing a list of all individuals who access the record; and

Whereas, the use of health information technology and the use of electronic personal health records have been shown to reduce health care spending by eliminating unwarranted tests, procedures and prescriptions, and improving safety and efficiency; and

Whereas, there is a clear need for identifying the steps that can be taken to implement the increased use of health information technology and electronic personal health records in this State. Now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

**Joint Electronic Health Information Study Committe**e

SECTION 1. (A) There is created the Joint Electronic Health Information Study Committee. This committee shall study factors affecting the adoption of health information technology in this State, including, but not limited to, the following:

(1) the current rate of use of health information technology and electronic personal health records;

(2) factors impeding the increased use of health information technology and electronic personal health records; and

(3) steps that could be taken to expand the use of health information technology and electronic personal health records in this State.

(B) The committee is composed of:

(1) three members appointed by the Governor;

(2) three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

(3) three members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

(C) At the first meeting of the committee, the members shall elect a chairperson from among the committee members.

(D) A vacancy occurring on the committee must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

(E) The staffing for the committee must be provided by the Department of Health and Human Services and the appropriate committees of the Senate and House of Representatives that oversee health care policy in this State.

(F) The members of the committee may not receive compensation and are not entitled to receive mileage, subsistence, and per diem authorized by law for members of state boards and committees.

(G) The committee shall submit its report to the General Assembly and Governor before February 15, 2011, at which time the Joint Electronic Health Information Study Committee is abolished.

**Time effective**

SECTION 2. This joint resolution takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 25th day of March, 2010.

Approved the 31st day of March, 2010.

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