

A bill for an act  
relating to state employees; establishing a pilot project to provide employees  
with electronic health records; appropriating money.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **STATE EMPLOYEES ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS PILOT  
PROJECT.**

Subdivision 1. **Project established.** The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees (MnSCU), in collaboration with the commissioner of employee relations shall establish an enterprise-wide pilot project to provide consumer-owned electronic personal health records to MnSCU employees and all participants in the state employee group insurance program. If the Department of Employee Relations is abolished, then the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees shall work in collaboration with the commissioner of the department responsible for administration of the state employee group insurance program.

Subd. 2. **Project goals.** The goal of the project is to provide consumer-owned electronic personal health records that are portable among health care providers, health plan companies, and employers in order to control costs, improve quality, and enhance safety, and to demonstrate the feasibility of a statewide health information exchange. The pilot project shall coordinate to the extent possible with other health information consumer engagement initiatives in Minnesota designed to support the goal of statewide health information exchange. The electronic personal health records may provide, but are not limited to, the following:

- (1) access to electronic medical records;
- (2) prescription and appointment information;

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2.1           (3) information regarding health education, public health, and health cost  
2.2   management; and

2.3           (4) privacy, security, and compliance with HIPAA; Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13;  
2.4   Minnesota Statutes, section 144.335; and other state law related to data privacy.

2.5           Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.6           \$ 5,000,000 is appropriated to the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board  
2.7   of Trustees to support the use of the system's electronic portfolio system to provide  
2.8   personal health records for MnSCU employees and all participants in the state employee  
2.9   group insurance program. Of this amount, \$250,000 is for the University of Minnesota  
2.10   Department of Health Informatics to evaluate the use and impact of personal health records  
2.11   on these employees. The appropriation is available for the biennium ending June 30, 2009.