

- SUBJECT:** Requiring study on use of patient-reported outcomes registry
- COMMITTEE:** Pensions — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 7 ayes — Flynn, Alonzo, Anchia, Hefner, Huberty, Paul, J. Rodriguez
0 nays
- WITNESSES:** For — Bobby Hillert, Texas Orthopaedic Association
Against — None
On — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Ken Welch, Teacher Retirement System)
- BACKGROUND:** Some observers say a patient-reported outcomes registry could benefit both the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) and the Employees Retirement System of Texas (ERS) by providing the retirement systems with data on which musculoskeletal treatments are most effective for various patient populations.
- DIGEST:** HB 1976 would require the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) and the Employees Retirement System of Texas (ERS) to conduct a joint study of the benefits and disadvantages of establishing a patient-reported outcomes registry for musculoskeletal care provided by ERS and TRS group health coverage plans. The study would:
- identify the most expensive musculoskeletal conditions and injuries for group health coverage plans;
 - identify the percentage of the total cost for health care under TRS and ERS group coverage plans that is spent on those conditions and injuries;
 - estimate the cost for TRS and ERS to establish and administer a patient-reported outcomes registry;
 - evaluate potential benefits to TRS and ERS members of a patient-

- reported outcomes registry; and
- identify potential partners, such as medical schools in Texas, that could assist TRS and ERS in establishing and administering a patient-reported outcomes registry.

TRS and ERS would have to report the results of the study to the lieutenant governor, House speaker, and the applicable House and Senate standing committees by December 1, 2018. The required study and report would expire on September 1, 2019.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

NOTES:

A companion bill, SB 55 by Zaffirini, was reported favorably by the Senate State Affairs Committee on April 25 and placed on the Senate Intent Calendar for May 1.