

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
SENATE AMENDMENTS TO H.B. 2201
(Reference to House engrossed bill)

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:

2 "Section 1. Title 41, chapter 4, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 41-703.01, to read:

4 41-703.01. Competitive grant program: technology solution:
5 patient continuity of care; hospital
6 interconnectivity; annual report

7 A. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER A THREE-YEAR COMPETITIVE GRANT
8 PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES AN INTEROPERABILITY SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION TO
9 SUPPORT RURAL HOSPITALS, HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND URBAN TRAUMA CENTERS TO
10 FURTHER TREATMENT CARE COORDINATION WITH A FOCUS ON REDUCING PUBLIC AND
11 PRIVATE HEALTH CARE COSTS AND UNNECESSARY TRANSPORTATION COSTS. THE
12 DEPARTMENT SHALL AWARD THE FIRST GRANT UNDER THIS PROGRAM NOT LATER THAN
13 DECEMBER 31, 2022.

14 B. THE ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM SHALL WORK WITH
15 THE DEPARTMENT TO SUPPLEMENT THE GRANT MONIES BY IDENTIFYING AND APPLYING
16 TO RECEIVE FEDERAL MATCHING MONIES.

17 C. THE GRANT PROGRAM SHALL ENABLE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN
18 INTEROPERABILITY SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION THAT IS SHARED BY HOSPITALS
19 AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO BENEFIT PATIENTS BEFORE AND AFTER A PATIENT IS
20 DISCHARGED FROM THE PROVIDER'S CARE.

21 D. THE SOFTWARE SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO RURAL HOSPITALS, HEALTH
22 CARE PROVIDERS AND URBAN TRAUMA CENTERS THAT WISH TO PARTICIPATE BY
23 ENABLING A HOSPITAL'S ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS SYSTEM TO INTERFACE WITH
24 OTHER ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS SYSTEMS AND PROVIDERS TO PROMOTE
25 CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN HOSPITAL SYSTEMS AND FACILITATE INCREASED
26 COMMUNICATION BETWEEN HOSPITAL STAFF AND PROVIDERS THAT USE DIFFERENT OR

1 DISTINCTIVE ONLINE PLATFORMS AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS WHEN TREATING
2 PATIENTS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL AWARD GRANTS FOR AN INTEROPERABILITY
3 SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION THAT, AT A MINIMUM:

4 1. COMPLIES WITH THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY
5 ACT PRIVACY STANDARDS (45 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS PART 160 AND PART
6 164, SUBPART E).

7 2. CAPTURES AND FORWARDS CLINICAL DATA, INCLUDING LABORATORY RESULTS
8 AND IMAGES, AND PROVIDES SYNCHRONOUS PATIENT CLINICAL DATA TO HEALTH CARE
9 PROVIDERS REGARDLESS OF GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION.

10 3. PROVIDES A SYNCHRONOUS DATA EXCHANGE THAT IS NOT BATCHED OR
11 DELAYED, AT THE POINT THE CLINICAL DATA IS CAPTURED AND AVAILABLE IN THE
12 HOSPITAL'S ELECTRONIC RECORD SYSTEM.

13 4. IS CAPABLE OF PROVIDING PROACTIVE ALERTS TO HEALTH CARE
14 PROVIDERS.

15 5. ALLOWS BOTH SYNCHRONOUS AND ASYNCHRONOUS COMMUNICATION.

16 6. HAS PATIENT-CENTRIC COMMUNICATION AND IS TRACKED WITH DATE AND
17 TIME STAMPING.

18 7. IS CONNECTED TO THE APPROPRIATE PHYSICIAN RESOURCES.

19 8. PROVIDES DATA TO UPDATE COST REPORTS TO ENHANCE EMERGENCY TRIAGE
20 AND TO TREAT AND TRANSPORT PATIENTS.

21 E. ON OR BEFORE JULY 1 OF EACH FISCAL YEAR OF THE GRANT PROGRAM, THE
22 GRANT RECIPIENT SHALL PROVIDE TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER
23 OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE HEALTH AND HUMAN
24 SERVICES COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE
25 DIRECTORS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND THE ARIZONA HEALTH CARE
26 COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM A REPORT THAT PROVIDES METRICS AND QUANTIFIES COST
27 AND TIME SAVINGS AND COMPLIES WITH THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND
28 ACCOUNTABILITY ACT PRIVACY STANDARDS (45 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS PART
29 160 AND PART 164, SUBPART E).

30 Sec. 2. Delayed repeal

31 Section 41-703.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is repealed from and
32 after June 30, 2026.

1 Sec. 3. Appropriations; department of administration; hospital
2 interconnectivity grants; exemption

3 A. The sum of \$12,000,000 is appropriated from the state general
4 fund in each of fiscal years 2022-2023, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 to the
5 department of administration to provide hospital interconnectivity grants
6 over a three-year period to a grant recipient pursuant to section
7 41-703.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act, to facilitate
8 increased communication between health care providers while treating
9 patients in this state.

10 B. The appropriations made in subsection A of this section are
11 exempt from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes,
12 relating to lapsing of appropriations.

13 Sec. 4. Legislative intent

14 The legislature intends to create a competitive grant program to
15 award a grant recipient monies to implement a statewide interoperability
16 software technology solution to support rural hospitals, health care
17 providers and urban trauma centers to further treatment care coordination
18 with a focus on reducing public and private health care costs and
19 unnecessary transportation costs. The grant recipient will provide this
20 state's hospital systems with technology to facilitate streamlined
21 communications between electronic health record providers and to further
22 connect rural providers with regional hospitals to reduce unnecessary
23 health care costs, reduce overtriage and demonstrate to the centers for
24 medicare and medicaid services the costs savings associated with efficient
25 hospital operations."

26 Amend title to conform

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