

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT FORM
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Amend printed copy of **HB 676/HCS 1**

On page 2, delete lines 2 and 3 in their entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

- "b. The health care sector;**
- c. State agencies; and**
- d. The General Assembly;"**; and

On page 3, line 5, delete "may include any" and insert "shall include all" in lieu thereof;
and

On page 3, delete lines 11 to 19 in their entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

- "(d) State agencies;**
- (e) Health care professionals;**
- (f) Health facilities;**
- (g) Health care payers;**
- (h) Health care purchasers;**
- (i) Patients;**
- (j) Members of academia engaged in health-related research;**
- (k) The public; and**
- (l) Any other persons designated by the Commission in an administrative regulation promulgated in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A;"**; and

On page 9, delete lines 15 to 19 in their entirety, and insert the following in lieu thereof:

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"(c) A state agency;

(d) An entity engaged in the sharing of community information or social determinants of health; and

(e) A person that is not required under state or federal law to comply with Section 8 of this Act, but otherwise elects to submit health information to the Kentucky statewide health data utility;"; and

On page 9, line 27, delete "the cabinet," and

On page 10, delete lines 20 to 26 in their entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

"(1) Subject to the availability of any necessary funding, staffing, and other resources, the Kentucky statewide health data utility shall be developed, implemented, operated, and maintained by the Office of Health Policy, Analytics, and Accountability within the Commission in accordance with Sections 1 to 9 of this Act.

(2) In carrying out the duties in subsection (1) of this section, the Commission:"; and

On page 11, line 3, delete "May" and insert "Shall make good-faith efforts to" in lieu thereof; and

On page 12, line 2, delete "any function elected by the Commission" and insert "the duties in subsection (1) of this section" in lieu thereof;

On page 12, line 6, delete "one (1) or more"; and

On page 12, line 19, delete:

"3. A list of authorized recipients;"; and

On page 12, line 20, delete "4." and insert "3." in lieu thereof; and

On page 13, line 4, delete "5." and insert "4." in lieu thereof; and

On page 13, delete lines 9 and 10 in their entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

"(f) May contract with one (1) or more vendors or third parties, including but not limited to Kentucky's public health universities;"; and

On page 13, line 11, after "**I. _____**", insert "**To**"; and

On page 14, delete lines 22 and 23 in their entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

"(2) The Kentucky statewide health data utility shall:"; and

On page 15, line 4, delete "**one (1)**"; and

On page 15, line 5, delete "**or more of**"; and

On page 15, delete lines 6 to 18 in their entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

"a. Collecting and analyzing data to inform authorized recipients as to health care access, utilization, cost, safety, and quality in Kentucky, which shall include without limitation making information available to the public to allow consumers to draw meaningful comparisons between health facilities, health care payers, and other health care professionals as relevant data is available;

b. Enabling any health care professional or health facility to evaluate and monitor care and treatment of patients in Kentucky; and

c. Enabling any patient in Kentucky to access, through a technology enabled interface, the patient's electronic longitudinal health record;
and

(c) Contain the following:"; and

On page 16, delete lines 6 to 8 in their entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

"(1) In operating and governing the statewide health data utility, the Commission:"; and

On page 16, line 25, delete "**and**"; and

On page 17, line 13, delete "**May**" and insert "**Shall**" in lieu thereof; and

On page 18, line 11, delete "**(3)(e)4. and 5.**" and insert "**(2)(e)3. and 4.**" in lieu thereof; and

On page 19, after line 15, insert:

"(2) Not later than July 1 of each year, the Office of Health Policy, Analytics, and

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Accountability within the Commission shall submit a written report to the Interim Joint Committee on Health Services that provides:

(a) The status of any development and implementation efforts relating to the statewide health data utility;

(b) A detailed summary of the statewide health data utility's operations for the previous year;

(c) With regard to the statewide health data utility, an assessment of:

1. The financial stability of the utility;

2. The cost, performance, and effectiveness of the utility;

3. The performance of any vendors or third parties that the Commission has retained; and

4. Whether the utility is advancing the purposes set forth in Sections 1 to 9 of this Act; and

(d) Any recommendations for changes or improvements to the utility."; and

On page 20, line 6, delete "and"; and

On page 20, line 12, delete "." and insert "; and" in lieu thereof; and

On page 20, after line 12, insert:

"(g) Convene and seek recommendations from stakeholders to inform the board's duties under this subsection."; and

On page 20, delete line 27 in its entirety; and

On page 21, after line 2, insert:

"10. Two (2) members of academia who oversee, or have experience in, health care policy or health care data research, who shall be appointed by the Commission; and"; and

On page 21, line 5, delete the first instance of "of this"; and

On page 21, delete line 26 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

"(1) To the extent permitted under federal law, including without limitation the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974:"; and

On page 23, line 22, after "under", insert "this"; and

On page 23, line 25, after "under", insert "this"; and

On page 31, delete lines 2 to 14 in their entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

"(b) The division shall cooperate with, support, and provide assistance to the Legislative Research Commission in the implementation of the health care information exchange and the prescription information exchange within the Kentucky statewide health data utility established in Sections 1 to 9 of this Act~~[provide leadership in the redesign of the health care delivery system using electronic information technology as a means to improve patient care and reduce medical errors and duplicative services].~~"; and

Starting on page 31, line 17, and continuing to page 55, line 22, delete Sections 12 to 17 in their entirety; and

On page 31, after line 16, insert the following:

"➔Section 12. KRS 216.2921 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The Cabinet for Health and Family Services shall collect, pursuant to KRS 216.2925, analyze, and disseminate information in a timely manner on the cost, quality, and outcomes of health services provided by health facilities and health care providers in the Commonwealth. The cabinet shall make every effort to make health data findings that can serve as a basis to educate consumers and providers for the purpose of improving patient morbidity and mortality outcomes available to the public, and state and local leaders in health policy, through the cost-effective and timely use of the media and the internet and through distribution of the findings to health facilities and health care providers for further

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dissemination to their patients.

(2) The secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services shall:

(a) Serve as chief administrative officer for the health data collection functions of KRS 216.2920 to 216.2929; **and**

(b) **Cooperate with, support, and provide assistance to the Legislative Research Commission in the implementation of the Kentucky statewide health data utility established in Sections 1 to 9 of this Act.**

(3) Neither the secretary nor any employee of the cabinet shall be subject to any personal liability for any loss sustained or damage suffered on account of any action or inaction of under KRS 216.2920 to 216.2929."; and

Renumber subsequent sections accordingly; and

On page 56, line 6, delete "18" and insert "13" in lieu thereof.