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**HOUSE BILL 618**

Short Title:   Improve Healthcare IT Systems Efficiency. (Public)

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Referred to:   Health

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO  
ENSURE THAT THE ELECTRONIC SOFTWARE SYSTEMS USED BY ITS SERVICE  
PROVIDERS MEET NATIONALLY ACCEPTED STANDARDS OF  
INTEROPERABILITY FOR ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** By December 31, 2019, the Department of Health and Human Services shall ensure that each of its existing electronic software systems that contains health data and requires the input of data from its service providers, including all of the following, are fully interoperable, able to exchange data, and able to interpret shared data in accordance with nationally accepted standards for electronic health records:

- (1) North Carolina Incident Response Improvement System (NC IRIS).
- (2) NC Treatment Outcomes and Program Performance System (NC-TOPPS).
- (3) Antipsychotics-Keeping it Documented for Safety (A+KIDS).
- (4) Controlled Substances Reporting System (CSRS) established under Article 5E of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes.
- (5) Business Electronic Access Management (BEAM).

In acquiring any new electronic software system that is intended to include health data and will require the input of data from any of its service providers, the Department of Health and Human Services shall ensure that such system at the time of purchase and implementation is fully interoperable, able to exchange data, and able to interpret shared data in accordance with nationally accepted standards for electronic health records.

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

