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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Illinois Health Information Management Association (ILHIMA) represents health information management (HIM) professionals across the State who work at the intersection of healthcare delivery, data quality, privacy, and compliance in hospitals, physician practices, public health, payer organizations, and health technology companies; and

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WHEREAS, ILHIMA members are directly involved in patient identification, record integrity, and information governance across the healthcare continuum; in their daily work, HIM professionals are responsible for safeguarding the accuracy, privacy, security, and integrity of health information that supports patient care and informed policy decisions; and

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WHEREAS, As an organization, ILHIMA supports a collaborative, research-based approach that brings together stakeholders from healthcare organizations, public health, technology vendors, payers, and education; and

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WHEREAS, Accurate patient identification is foundational to safe, high-quality, and efficient healthcare; and

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WHEREAS, In Illinois, healthcare organizations continue to

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1 experience challenges related to patient matching across
2 disparate systems, settings, and data sources, and these
3 challenges can contribute to duplicate records, incomplete
4 information, administrative burden, and potential patient
5 safety risks; and

6 WHEREAS, It is imperative that such issues be studied
7 across Illinois healthcare and related sectors in order to
8 ensure more accurate patient identification and data
9 integrity, and ILHIMA would be the most capable and competent
10 to handle such an undertaking; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF
13 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that we urge Illinois
14 Health Information Management Association (ILHIMA) to form a
15 working group to evaluate the following:

16 (1) Patient identity challenges across care settings,
17 including acute care, ambulatory, long-term care, public
18 health, and others;

19 (2) Data quality issues that impact matching accuracy,
20 including data capture, standardization, and governance;

21 (3) Operational, workflow, and policy factors

1 influencing patient identification;

2 (4) Interoperability and information exchange
3 considerations;

4 (5) Workforce, education, and best-practice gaps; and

5 (6) Existing state and federal initiatives related to
6 patient identity; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That we urge this working group to focus on
8 drafting a comprehensive set of recommendations that includes
9 potential legislative suggestions designed to improve and
10 expand on the aforementioned items for evaluation in relation
11 to patient identity, data quality, privacy, and information
12 governance; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That we request the working group's findings and
14 recommendations be presented to the Illinois General Assembly
15 to help inform legislative efforts aimed at better supporting
16 the needs of ILHIMA and patients while ensuring patient
17 safety, privacy, and data integrity.