(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Declares an intent to support the establishment by the state of an evidence-based health technology assessment program that: (1) Conducts systematic reviews of scientific and medical literature to identify safe, efficacious, and cost-effective treatments;

- (2) Provides for the establishment of a statewide health technology clinical advisory committee;
- (3) Provides for the establishment of an evidence-based health technology assessment center;
- (4) Develops methods and processes to track health outcomes across state agencies; and
- (5) Provides clear and transparent access to the scientific basis of coverage decisions and treatment guidelines developed under this program.

Establishes an evidence-based health technology assessment center to: (1) Conduct systematic reviews of the scientific literature regarding safety, efficacy, and costeffectiveness; and

(2) Assess the adequacy and quality of systematic reviews undertaken by other national or internationally recognized health technology assessment programs using systematic review methods substantially similar to those developed by the health technology assessment program.