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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the planning and management of state telecommunications services by the Department of Information Resources.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 2054.051, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(g) The department shall establish plans and policies for the system of telecommunications services managed and operated by the department.

SECTION 2. Section 2054.055(b), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The report must:

(1) assess the progress made toward meeting the goals and objectives of the state strategic plan for information resources management;

(2) describe major accomplishments of the state or a specific state agency in information resources management;

(3) describe major problems in information resources management confronting the state or a specific state agency;

(4) provide a summary of the total expenditures for information resources and information resources technologies by the state;

(5) make recommendations for improving the effectiveness and cost-efficiency of the state's use of information

resources; ~~and~~

(6) include a list compiled by the department's program management office from the information gathered under Sections 2055.152 and 2055.153 of the electronic government projects:

(A) that are managed by the office under Chapter 2055; and

(B) that are not yet managed by the office under Chapter 2055, but have been selected for management under Chapter 2055; and

(7) assess the progress made toward accomplishing the goals of the plan for a state telecommunications network and developing a system of telecommunications services as provided by Subchapter H.

SECTION 3. Section 2054.091(d), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d) The executive director shall appoint an advisory committee to assist in the preparation of the state strategic plan. The members of the advisory committee appointed by the executive director must be approved by the board and must include officers or employees of state government. ~~[The telecommunications planning and oversight council shall appoint one of its members to serve as a member of the advisory committee.]~~

SECTION 4. Section 2054.092(b), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The plan must:

(1) provide a strategic direction for information

1 resources management in state government for the five fiscal years  
2 following adoption of the plan;

3 (2) outline a state information architecture that  
4 contains a logically consistent set of principles, policies, and  
5 standards to guide the engineering of state government's  
6 information technology systems and infrastructure in a way that  
7 ensures compatibility and alignment with state government's needs;

8 (3) designate and report on critical electronic  
9 government projects to be directed by the department, including a  
10 project for electronic purchasing;

11 (4) provide information about best practices to assist  
12 state agencies in adopting effective information management  
13 methods, including the design, deployment, and management of  
14 information resources projects, cost-benefit analyses, and staff  
15 reengineering methods to take full advantage of technological  
16 advancements;

17 (5) establish reporting guidelines for state agencies  
18 to report in agency strategic plans:

19 (A) the outcomes and progress related to the  
20 strategic direction of the state;

21 (B) information necessary to evaluate  
22 opportunities for information technology consolidation;

23 (C) progress toward implementing electronic  
24 government projects designated under Subdivision (3);

25 (D) the return on investment for projects and  
26 cost-benefit models for the projects; and

27 (E) other provisions in this section;

1           (6) provide long-range policy guidelines for  
2 information resources in state government, including the  
3 implementation of national, international, and department  
4 standards for information resources technologies;

5           (7) identify major issues faced by state agencies  
6 related to the acquisition of computer hardware, computer software,  
7 and information resources technology services and develop a  
8 statewide approach to address the issues, including:

9                   (A) developing performance measures for  
10 purchasing and contracting; and

11                   (B) identifying opportunities to reuse computer  
12 software code purchased with public funds; ~~and~~

13           (8) identify priorities for:

14                   (A) the implementation of information resources  
15 technologies according to the relative economic and social impact  
16 on the state; and

17                   (B) return on investment and cost-benefit  
18 analysis strategies; and

19           (9) provide information about best practices to assist  
20 state agencies in adopting methods for design, deployment, and  
21 management of telecommunications services.

22           SECTION 5. The heading to Subchapter H, Chapter 2054,  
23 Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

24           SUBCHAPTER H. TELECOMMUNICATIONS PLANNING [~~AND OVERSIGHT COUNCIL~~]

25           SECTION 6. Sections 2054.203(a), (b), and (g), Government  
26 Code, are amended to read as follows:

27           (a) The department [~~telecommunications planning and~~

1 ~~oversight council~~] shall comprehensively collect and manage  
2 telecommunications network configuration information about  
3 existing and planned telecommunications networks throughout state  
4 government.

5 (b) The department [~~telecommunications planning and~~  
6 ~~oversight council~~] may require state agencies to submit to the  
7 department [~~council~~] the agencies' network configuration  
8 information, but the department [~~council~~] must use existing reports  
9 to gather the information if possible and minimize the reporting  
10 burden on agencies to the extent possible.

11 (g) The department [~~telecommunications planning and~~  
12 ~~oversight council~~] shall perform strategic planning for all state  
13 telecommunications services in accordance with the guiding  
14 principles of the state strategic plan for information resources  
15 management.

16 SECTION 7. Sections 2054.204(a) and (c), Government Code,  
17 are amended to read as follows:

18 (a) The department [~~telecommunications planning and~~  
19 ~~oversight council~~] shall develop a plan for a state  
20 telecommunications network that will effectively and efficiently  
21 meet the long-term requirements of state government for voice,  
22 video, and computer communications, with the goal of achieving a  
23 single centralized telecommunications network for state  
24 government.

25 (c) The plan must incorporate efficiencies obtained through  
26 the use of shared transmission services and open systems  
27 architecture as they become available, building on existing systems

as appropriate. To advise the department in ~~[In]~~ developing the plan, the executive director shall appoint an advisory committee that consists ~~[the telecommunications planning and oversight council shall make use of the technical expertise]~~ of representatives of state agencies, including institutions of higher education, telecommunications vendors, and customers of the state telecommunications network.

SECTION 8. Section 2054.205, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2054.205. DEVELOPMENT OF SYSTEM. (a) The department ~~[telecommunications planning and oversight council]~~ shall develop functional requirements for a statewide system of telecommunications services for all state agencies. Existing networks, as configured on September 1, 1991, of institutions of higher education are exempt from the requirements.

(b) The department ~~[telecommunications planning and oversight council]~~ shall develop requests for information and proposals for a statewide system of telecommunications services for all state agencies.

SECTION 9. Sections 2054.2051(a), (b), and (c), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The department ~~[telecommunications planning and oversight council]~~ shall develop service objectives for the consolidated telecommunications system and the centralized capitol complex telephone system.

(b) The department ~~[telecommunications planning and oversight council]~~ shall develop performance measures to establish

1 cost-effective operations and staffing of the consolidated  
2 telecommunications system and the centralized capitol complex  
3 telephone system.

4 (c) The department [~~telecommunications planning and~~  
5 ~~oversight council~~] shall review the status of all projects related  
6 to and the financial performance of the consolidated  
7 telecommunications system and the centralized capitol complex  
8 telephone system, including:

9 (1) a comparison between actual performance and  
10 projected goals at least once every three months; and

11 (2) any benefit of contracting with private vendors to  
12 provide some or all of the systems at least once each year.

13 SECTION 10. Section 2170.001(a)(1), Government Code, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 (1) "Telecommunications services" means [~~intercity~~]  
16 communications facilities or services, including local services  
17 provided over converged networks. The term does not include single  
18 agency point-to-point radio systems or facilities or services of  
19 criminal justice information communication systems.

20 SECTION 11. Section 2170.002, Government Code, is amended  
21 to read as follows:

22 Sec. 2170.002. DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING  
23 TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES. (a) The department is the state agency  
24 responsible for obtaining telecommunications services.

25 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a) of this section, Section  
26 2170.051, or other law, a state agency may choose to procure local  
27 services either through the department or by using any other

1 authorized procurement method. A state agency is not required to  
2 comply with Section 2170.051(d) in procuring such services.

3 SECTION 12. The following laws are repealed:

- 4 (1) Section 2054.201, Government Code;  
5 (2) Section 2054.202, Government Code;  
6 (3) Section 2054.2025, Government Code;  
7 (4) Sections 2054.203(c) and (d), Government Code;  
8 (5) Section 2054.2051(d), Government Code;  
9 (6) Section 2054.206, Government Code;  
10 (7) Section 2054.207, Government Code; and  
11 (8) Section 2170.060, Government Code.

12 SECTION 13. (a) The telecommunications planning and  
13 oversight council is abolished.

14 (b) A rule, form, plan, policy, or order of the  
15 telecommunications planning and oversight council is continued in  
16 effect as a rule, form, plan, policy, or order of the Department of  
17 Information Resources until superseded by a rule or other  
18 appropriate action of the department.

19 SECTION 14. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.