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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. Subsection (b), Section 2054.055, 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

1 resources; ~~and~~

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

6 (A) that are managed by the office under Chapter
7 2055; and

8 (B) that are not yet managed by the office under
9 Chapter 2055, but have been selected for management under Chapter
10 2055; and

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

15 SECTION 3. Subsection (b), Section 2054.092, Government
16 Code, is amended to read as follows:

17 (b) The plan must:

18 (1) provide a strategic direction for information
19 resources management in state government for the five fiscal years
20 following adoption of the plan;

21 (2) outline a state information architecture that
22 contains a logically consistent set of principles, policies, and
23 standards to guide the engineering of state government's
24 information technology systems and infrastructure in a way that
25 ensures compatibility and alignment with state government's needs;

26 (3) designate and report on critical electronic
27 government projects to be directed by the department, including a

1 project for electronic purchasing;

2 (4) provide information about best practices to assist
3 state agencies in adopting effective information management
4 methods, including the design, deployment, and management of
5 information resources projects, cost-benefit analyses, and staff
6 reengineering methods to take full advantage of technological
7 advancements;

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

10 (A) the outcomes and progress related to the
11 strategic direction of the state;

12 (B) information necessary to evaluate
13 opportunities for information technology consolidation;

14 (C) progress toward implementing electronic
15 government projects designated under Subdivision (3);

16 (D) the return on investment for projects and
17 cost-benefit models for the projects; and

18 (E) other provisions in this section;

19 (6) provide long-range policy guidelines for
20 information resources in state government, including the
21 implementation of national, international, and department
22 standards for information resources technologies;

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

27 (A) developing performance measures for

1 purchasing and contracting; and

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

4 (8) identify priorities for:

5 (A) the implementation of information resources
6 technologies according to the relative economic and social impact
7 on the state; and

8 (B) return on investment and cost-benefit
9 analysis strategies; and

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

13 SECTION 4. Subsections (a) through (d) and (g), Section
14 2054.203, Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

15 (a) The department [~~telecommunications planning and~~
16 ~~oversight council~~] shall comprehensively collect and manage
17 telecommunications network configuration information about
18 existing and planned telecommunications networks throughout state
19 government. The department shall provide the information collected
20 under this section to the telecommunications planning and oversight
21 council in a manner consistent with state and federal security
22 restrictions.

23 (b) The department [~~telecommunications planning and~~
24 ~~oversight council~~] may require state agencies to submit to the
25 department [~~council~~] the agencies' network configuration
26 information, but the department [~~council~~] must use existing reports
27 to gather the information if possible and minimize the reporting

1 burden on agencies to the extent possible.

2 (c) The telecommunications planning and oversight council
3 in consultation with the department shall establish plans and
4 policies for a system of telecommunications services [~~to be managed~~
5 ~~and operated by the department~~].

6 (d) The telecommunications planning and oversight council
7 in consultation with the department shall develop a statewide
8 telecommunications operating plan for all state agencies. The plan
9 shall implement a statewide network and include technical
10 specifications that are binding on the department.

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

16 SECTION 5. Section 2054.204, Government Code, is amended to
17 read as follows:

18 Sec. 2054.204. [~~DEVELOPMENT OF PLAN FOR STATE~~]
19 TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN STATE STRATEGIC PLAN [~~NETWORK~~]. (a) The
20 department shall consult with the telecommunications planning and
21 oversight council regarding telecommunications elements of the
22 plan under Section 2054.092. The plan must address matters
23 relating to [~~shall develop a plan for~~] a state telecommunications
24 network that will effectively and efficiently meet the long-term
25 requirements of state government for voice, video, and computer
26 communications, with the goal of achieving a single centralized
27 telecommunications network for state government.

1 (b) The telecommunications elements of the plan under
2 Section 2054.092 must recognize that all state agencies, including
3 institutions of higher education, are a single entity for purposes
4 of purchasing and the determination of tariffs.

5 (c) The telecommunications elements of the plan under
6 Section 2054.092 must incorporate efficiencies obtained through
7 the use of shared transmission services and open systems
8 architecture as they become available, building on existing systems
9 as appropriate. In developing the plan under Section 2054.092, the
10 telecommunications planning and oversight council and the
11 department shall make use of the technical expertise of state
12 agencies, including institutions of higher education.

13 SECTION 6. Section 2054.205, Government Code, is amended to
14 read as follows:

15 Sec. 2054.205. DEVELOPMENT OF SYSTEM. (a) The
16 telecommunications planning and oversight council in consultation
17 with the department shall develop functional requirements for a
18 statewide system of telecommunications services for all state
19 agencies. Existing networks, as configured on September 1, 1991,
20 of institutions of higher education are exempt from the
21 requirements.

22 (b) The department in consultation with the
23 telecommunications planning and oversight council shall develop
24 requests for information and proposals for a statewide system of
25 telecommunications services for all state agencies.

26 SECTION 7. Subsections (a) and (b), Section 2054.2051,
27 Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

1 (a) The telecommunications planning and oversight council
2 in consultation with the department shall develop service
3 objectives for the consolidated telecommunications system and the
4 centralized capitol complex telephone system.

5 (b) The telecommunications planning and oversight council
6 in consultation with the department shall develop performance
7 measures to establish cost-effective operations and staffing of the
8 consolidated telecommunications system and the centralized capitol
9 complex telephone system.

10 SECTION 8. Section 2054.207, Government Code, is amended to
11 read as follows:

12 Sec. 2054.207. REPORT TO LEGISLATURE. The department
13 shall consult with the telecommunications planning and oversight
14 council regarding information that must be included in the
15 performance report under Section 2054.055 [~~shall report biennially~~
16 ~~to the legislature not later than October 1 of each even-numbered~~
17 ~~year on the status of the current plan for a state~~
18 ~~telecommunications network and on the progress state government has~~
19 ~~made towards accomplishing the goals of the plan~~]. The report shall
20 address consolidated telecommunications system performance,
21 centralized capitol complex telephone system performance,
22 telecommunications system needs, and recommended statutory changes
23 to enhance system capability and cost-effectiveness.

24 SECTION 9. Section 2054.206, Government Code, is repealed.

25 SECTION 10. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.