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**TO:** Honorable Rodney Ellis, Chair, Senate Committee on Government Organization

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1705** by Geren (Relating to the Department of Information Resources, including the abolition of the telecommunications planning and oversight council, the electronic commerce network, and the electronic procurement marketplace and standards for certain school district software.), **As Engrossed**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would abolish the telecommunications planning and oversight council (TPOC) and require the Department of Information Resources (DIR) to fulfill various telecommunication related planning, reporting and oversight activities, including the review of the status of all projects and the financial performance of the consolidated telecommunications system and the centralized capitol complex telephone system.

The bill would repeal various sections of the government code related to TPOC.

The bill would repeal the requirement of DIR to establish an electronic commerce system.

The bill would require DIR, in cooperation with the commissioner of education, to adopt performance and interoperability standards for software used by school districts for financial accounting or attendance reporting.

The bill would allow DIR to contract with assistance organizations, non-profits receiving state funds through a current state contract or grant, to use the consolidated telecommunications system.

The bill would take effect on September 1, 2009.

It is assumed that any additional duties and responsibilities required by the bill could be absorbed within existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

To the extent that school districts update existing systems to adopt certified software packages, local costs could be incurred and would vary.

**Source Agencies:** 313 Department of Information Resources, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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