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H.B. No. 4017

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to legislative oversight of investment in state agency information technology improvement and modernization projects.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter Q, Chapter 2054, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2054.577 to read as follows:

Sec. 2054.577. JOINT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENT IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENT AND MODERNIZATION PROJECTS.

(a) In this section, "committee" means the Joint Oversight Committee on Investment in Information Technology Improvement and Modernization Projects.

(b) The committee is created to review investment and funding strategies for projects to improve or modernize state agency information technology systems.

(c) The committee is composed of six members as follows:

(1) three members of the senate appointed by the lieutenant governor; and

(2) three members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(d) The presiding officer of the committee shall alternate annually between:

(1) a member of the senate appointed by the lieutenant governor; and

(2) a member of the house of representatives appointed

1 by the speaker of the house of representatives.

2 (e) A vacancy on the committee shall be filled in the same
3 manner as the original appointment.

4 (f) The committee biennially shall provide a written report
5 to the legislature that:

6 (1) identifies:

7 (A) existing and planned projects to improve or
8 modernize state agency information technology systems; and

9 (B) the method of funding for each project
10 identified by the committee under Paragraph (A); and

11 (2) includes:

12 (A) a determination by the committee of the
13 amount necessary to fully fund each project identified under
14 Subdivision (1) to completion; and

15 (B) strategies developed by the committee to
16 ensure a long-term investment solution for projects to improve or
17 modernize state agency information technology systems is in place,
18 including strategies to:

19 (i) access the full amount of federal money
20 available for those projects; and

21 (ii) use information gathered by the
22 department during previous projects to improve the management,
23 oversight, and transparency of future projects.

24 (g) The department shall provide staff support for the
25 committee.

26 (h) The committee:

27 (1) has the powers of a joint committee; and

1 (2) may obtain funding in the same manner as a joint
2 committee.

3 (i) The rules adopted by the 87th Legislature for the
4 administration of joint committees apply to the committee to the
5 extent the rules are consistent with this section.

6 (j) The committee is abolished and this section expires
7 September 1, 2026.

8 SECTION 2. (a) In this section, "committee" means the Joint
9 Oversight Committee on Investment in Information Technology
10 Improvement and Modernization Projects.

11 (b) The lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house of
12 representatives shall make appointments to the committee not later
13 than the 30th day after the effective date of this Act.

14 (c) The speaker of the house of representatives shall
15 appoint the initial presiding officer of the committee.

16 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.