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H.B. No. 4018

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 4018:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to legislative oversight and funding of improvement and modernization projects for state agency information resources.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter Q, Chapter 2054, Government Code, is amended by adding Sections 2054.577 and 2054.578 to read as follows:

Sec. 2054.577. TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENT AND MODERNIZATION FUND. (a) The technology improvement and modernization fund is a special fund in the state treasury outside the general revenue fund.

(b) The fund consists of:

(1) money transferred or deposited to the credit of the fund at the direction of the legislature;

(2) money received from the federal government for the purposes of improving and modernizing state agency information resources;

(3) gifts, donations, and grants to the fund, including federal grants; and

(4) interest earned on the investment of money in the fund.

(c) Money in the fund:

(1) may be used to improve and modernize state agency information resources, including legacy system projects and

1 cybersecurity projects; and

2 (2) may not be used to replace money appropriated to a  
3 state agency for the purposes of operating and maintaining state  
4 agency information resources or reduce the amount of money  
5 appropriated to a state agency for those purposes.

6 (d) Section 404.071 does not apply to the fund.

7 Sec. 2054.578. JOINT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENT IN  
8 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENT AND MODERNIZATION PROJECTS.

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

12 (b) The committee is created to review investment and  
13 funding strategies for projects to improve or modernize state  
14 agency information resources technologies.

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

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

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

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

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

24 (2) a member of the house of representatives appointed  
25 by the speaker of the house of representatives.

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

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

3           (1) identifies:

4               (A) existing and planned projects to improve or  
5 modernize state agency information resources technologies; and

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

8           (2) includes:

9               (A) a determination by the committee of the  
10 amount necessary to fully fund each project identified under  
11 Subdivision (1) to completion; and

12               (B) strategies developed by the committee to  
13 ensure a long-term investment solution for projects to improve or  
14 modernize state agency information resources technologies is in  
15 place, including strategies to:

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

18                       (ii) use information gathered by the  
19 department during previous projects to improve the management,  
20 oversight, and transparency of future projects.

21       (g) The department shall provide staff support for the  
22 committee.

23       (h) The committee:

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

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

27       (i) The rules adopted by the 87th Legislature for the

1 administration of joint committees apply to the committee to the  
2 extent the rules are consistent with this section.

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

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

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

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

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