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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the replacement and modernization of obsolete and  
3 inefficient computer hardware and software technology used by  
4 certain state agencies.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section [2054.092\(b\)](#), Government Code, is amended  
7 to read as follows:

8 (b) The plan must:

9 (1) provide a strategic direction for information  
10 resources management in state government for the five fiscal years  
11 following adoption of the plan;

12 (2) outline a state information architecture that  
13 contains a logically consistent set of principles, policies, and  
14 standards to guide the engineering of state government's  
15 information technology systems and infrastructure in a way that  
16 ensures compatibility and alignment with state government's needs;

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

20 (4) provide information about best practices to assist  
21 state agencies in adopting effective information management  
22 methods, including the design, deployment, and management of  
23 information resources projects, cost-benefit analyses, and staff  
24 reengineering methods to take full advantage of technological

1 advancements;

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

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

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

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

14 (7) identify priorities for:

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

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

20 (8) outline a statewide legacy system modernization  
21 strategy based on information submitted under Section 2054.5725 to  
22 increase government efficiency through technology modernization;  
23 and

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

27 SECTION 2. Subchapter Q, Chapter 2054, Government Code, is

1 amended by adding Section 2054.5725 to read as follows:

2 Sec. 2054.5725. LEGACY SYSTEM MODERNIZATION PLAN. (a)

3 Each state agency shall identify legacy systems used by the agency  
4 and create a plan to replace those systems with systems that provide  
5 a more modern, integrated, secure, and effective technological  
6 environment.

7 (b) Not later than September 1 of each odd-numbered year, a  
8 state agency shall submit the plan required by this section to the  
9 department.

10 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.