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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2270

As Amended by House Committee on
Legislative Modernization

Brief*

HB 2270, as amended, would make changes related to responsibilities of the Executive Branch Chief Information Technology Officer (CITO); Executive Branch information technology (IT) services, including telecommunications and cloud computing; and IT audit reporting requirements.

CITO Responsibilities

The bill would add the following responsibilities to those of the Executive Branch CITO:

- Prepare and lead the implementation of a strategic direction and enterprise direction for IT for the Executive Branch;
- Establish standards and policies to ensure consistent and efficient IT operations throughout the Executive Branch; and
- Analyze Executive Branch agency expenditures on IT to identify opportunities and efficiencies.

Central Processing and Cloud Services and Computing

The bill would specify that the Office of Information Technology Services (OITS) would provide cloud services for Executive Branch agencies, added to data processing and

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application hosting services, and add the following requirements for cloud computing and central processing services, to require:

- Infrastructure and platform cloud computing services within the Executive Branch to be performed by or contracted through OITS;
- Software-as-a-service applications to be registered and inventoried with OITS; and
- Any procurement of central processing units or distributed computing equipment with a cost of \$75,000 or more by an Executive Branch agency to be approved by the Executive Branch CITO.

Telecommunications Service

The bill would permit the Executive Branch CITO to authorize a division, department, or agency to procure its own telecommunications services provided that all procured resources are compatible with OITS technology.

Legislative Division of Post Audit IT Audit Reports

The bill would require written reports of IT audits performed by the Legislative Division of Post Audit (LPA) to be provided to the Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) of the branch of government of the respective agency being audited, in addition to recipients found in continuing law.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Legislative Modernization at the request of Representative Penn.

House Committee on Legislative Modernization

In the House Committee hearing on February 17, 2025, the Executive Branch CITO provided **proponent** testimony, generally stating that the bill would update and modernize outdated statutes to address new technologies.

Neutral testimony was provided by a representative of the Office of Judicial Administration, who suggested an amendment to exclude the Judicial Branch from the definition of division, department, or agency of the state. The representative stated the amendment would allow the Judicial Branch to retain control over its own cloud computing services, procurement processes for cloud computing equipment, and the acquisition of its own telecommunication services.

Written-only neutral testimony was provided by a representative of LPA.

No other testimony was provided.

On February 19, 2025, the bill was withdrawn from the House Calendar and rereferred to the House Committee on Legislative Modernization.

On February 16, 2026, the House Committee amended the bill to:

- Clarify that the requirement to contract for infrastructure and platform cloud computing services through OITS applies only to Executive Branch divisions, departments, and agencies;
- Remove equipment and software from the scope of the executive CITO's telecommunications authority and from agency procurement authorization;

- Remove language to modify the definition of “telecommunications equipment” and related exemptions to the definition; and
- Make technical and conforming changes throughout.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the OITS indicates enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on agency operations.

Legislative Post Audit; Chief Information Technology Officer; Chief Information Security Officer; information technology; audit reports; cloud computing services; procurement; telecommunications equipment; executive branch