

HOUSE BILL NO. 528  
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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING ALL STATE AGENCY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS TO ACCOMMODATE THE CORRECT SPELLING OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND TO INCLUDE THAT CORRECT SPELLING ON PUBLIC DOCUMENTS; AND AMENDING SECTION 2-17-518, MCA."

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

**Section 1.** Section 2-17-518, MCA, is amended to read:

**"2-17-518. Rulemaking authority.** (1) The department shall adopt rules to implement this part, including the following:

(a) rules to guide the review and approval process for state agency software and management systems that provide similar functions for multiple state agencies, which must include but are not limited to:

- (i) identifying the software and management systems that must be approved;
- (ii) establishing the information that state agencies are required to provide to the department; and
- (iii) establishing guidelines for the department's approval decision;

(b) rules to guide the review and approval process for state agency acquisition of information technology resources, which must include but are not limited to processes and requirements for:

- (i) agency submissions to gain approval for acquiring information technology resources;
- (ii) approving specifications for information technology resources; and
- (iii) approving contracts for information technology resources; ~~and~~

(c) rules for granting exceptions from the requirements of this part, which must include but are not limited to:

- (i) a process for applying for an exception; and
- (ii) guidelines for determining the department's approval decision; and

(d) rules that require all state agency information technology systems to accommodate the correct spelling of an individual's name, including apostrophes, hyphens, and commas, and to include that correct spelling on public documents.

(2) The department may adopt rules to guide the development of state agency information technology plans. The rules may include:

- (a) agency plan review procedures;
- (b) agency plan content requirements;
- (c) guidelines for the department's approval decision; and
- (d) dispute resolution processes and procedures.

(3) (a) Adequate rules for the use of any information technology resources must be adopted by the:

~~(a)~~(i) supreme court for judicial branch agencies; and

~~(b)~~(ii) legislative council, with the concurrence of the legislative audit committee and the legislative finance committee, for the consolidated legislative branch, as provided for in 5-2-504.

(b) The rules adopted under this subsection (3) must require the information technology systems to accommodate the correct spelling of an individual's name, including apostrophes, hyphens, and commas, and to include that correct spelling on public documents."

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