



AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO FINANCING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CAPITAL PROJECTS; APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; PROVIDING FOR MATTERS RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATIONS; PROVIDING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR A TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE LONG-RANGE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM ACCOUNT; PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND ACQUISITION OF NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND THE MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1. Definitions. For the purposes of [this act], the following definitions apply:

- (1) "Chief information officer" has the meaning provided in 2-17-506.
- (2) "Information technology" has the meaning provided in 2-17-506.
- (3) "Information technology capital project" means a group of interrelated information technology activities that are planned and executed in a structured sequence to create a unique product or service.
- (4) "LRITP" means the long-range information technology program account in the capital projects fund type.

Section 2. Appropriations and authorizations. (1) All business application systems funded under this section must have a plan approved by the chief information officer for the design, definition, creation, storage, and security of the data associated with the application system. The security aspects of the plan must address but are not limited to authentication and granting of system privileges, safeguards against unauthorized access to or disclosure of sensitive information, and, consistent with state records retention policies, plans for

the removal of sensitive data from the system when it is no longer needed. It is the intent of this subsection that specific consideration be given to the potential sharing of data with other state agencies in the design, definition, creation, storage, and security of the data. This plan must be approved by the chief information officer and the budget director prior to releasing a request for proposal or similar procurement document.

(2) Funds may not be released for a project until the chief information officer and the budget director approve the plans described in subsection (1) and have reviewed and approved results from requests for proposals or similar procurement procedures and contract documents.

(3) The following money is appropriated to the department of administration to be used only for the indicated information technology capital projects:

Agency/Project	LRITP	State Special Revenue	Federal Special Revenue	Proprietary	Total
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION -STATE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES					
Montana Cybersecurity Enhancement Project					
	19,362,397				19,362,397
E-Discovery/Public Information Request Software					
	1,800,000				1,800,000
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE					
Commodity Assessment System					
	350,000	20,000			370,000
SAFHER Federal System					
		166,667	33,333		200,000
Grant Management System					
		40,000	20,000		60,000
DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK					
Animal Health System					
		450,000			450,000
Snowflake Integration					

		125,000		125,000
Google AI				
		425,000		425,000
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION				
Software Modernization (REDDI)				
		1,496,436		1,496,436
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES & CONSERVATION				
Financial Management System				
	607,800	596,200		1,204,000
Fire Finance Processing System				
	500,000			500,000
Flathead Reservation Information Technology System				
	656,667			656,667
Trust Land Management System Customer Portal				
	2,000,000			2,000,000
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS				
Offender Management System				
	17,750,000			17,750,000
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES				
Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System				
	12,537,881		12,537,881	25,075,762
Montana Child Support Enforcement Automated System				
	4,412,940	6,304,200	20,803,860	31,521,000
Electronic Health Records & Billing – State Facilities				
	25,000,000	2,321,690	285,614	27,607,304
Montana Healthcare Programs Modularity Project				
	4,940,613		44,465,517	49,406,130
SNAP Employment & Training Enterprise Solution				

	1,400,000	1,400,000	2,800,000
Electronic Benefits Transfer System Replacement			
	1,250,000	1,250,000	2,500,000

Section 3. Judicial branch information technology capital projects appropriation. (1) (a) There is appropriated to the supreme court \$782,500 from the LRITP for courtroom remote appearance video system in the judicial branch.

(b) There is appropriated to the supreme court \$500,000 from the LRITP for courthouse security initiative in the judicial branch.

(2) Before encumbering any funds appropriated in subsection (1), the office of court administrator shall submit a project and security plan, as described in [section 2(1)], to the chief information officer. The chief information officer shall promptly review the plan and, if necessary, make timely recommendations to the office of court administrator regarding implementation of the plan.

(3) As part of the annual report to the law and justice interim committee and the house appropriations subcommittee required under 3-1-702, the office of court administrator shall include an update on the implementation of projects funded under this section.

Section 4. Department of justice information technology capital projects appropriation. (1) There is appropriated to the department of justice \$45,215,100 from the LRITP for replacement of the MERLIN system in the department of justice.

(2) Before encumbering any funds appropriated in subsection (1), the department of justice shall submit a project and security plan to the chief information officer. The chief information officer shall promptly review the plan and, if necessary, make timely recommendations to the department of justice regarding implementation of the plan.

(3) The department of justice shall provide a quarterly update to the law and justice interim committee and the legislative finance committee on the implementation of projects funded under this section.

(4) (a) The department of justice shall submit a project implementation plan to the judicial branch, law enforcement, and justice budget committee and the long-range planning budget committee provided for in

5-12-501. This plan must include a project development and implementation timeline, milestones, and a detailed project budget.

- (b) The department of justice shall present a quarterly update to the budget committees, including:
 - (i) overall project status;
 - (ii) project expenditures;
 - (iii) progress towards milestones identified in the implementation plan;
 - (iv) project risks and issues;
 - (v) project accomplishments; and
 - (vi) action items.

Section 5. Montana university system/university of Montana technology capital project appropriation. (1) There is appropriated \$6,164,320 from the LRITP to the Montana university system/university of Montana for the cyberMontana cybersecurity initiative.

(2) Before encumbering any funds appropriated in subsection (1), the Montana university system/university of Montana shall submit a project and security plan to the chief information officer. The chief information officer shall promptly review the plan, and if necessary, make timely recommendations to the Montana university system/university of Montana regarding implementation of the plan.

(3) The Montana university system/university of Montana shall provide a quarterly update to the legislative finance committee on the implementation of projects funded under this section.

Section 6. Transfer of funds. The state treasurer shall transfer \$145,230,218 from the general fund to the LRITP on an as-needed incremental basis no later than June 30, 2025.

Section 7. Severability. If a part of [this act] is invalid, all valid parts that are severable from the invalid part remain in effect. If a part of [this act] is invalid in one or more of its applications, the part remains in effect in all valid applications that are severable from the invalid applications.

Section 8. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
HB 10, originated in the House.

Chief Clerk of the House

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2023.

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2023.

HOUSE BILL NO. 10

INTRODUCED BY M. HOPKINS

BY REQUEST OF THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

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