SENATE BILL NO. 19

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BY REQUEST OF THE STATE ADMINISTRATION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ELIMINATING A STATUTORY REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE A STATE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REPORT TO THE STATE ADMINISTRATION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 2-17-512 AND 2-17-513, MCA."

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

Section 1. Section 2-17-512, MCA, is amended to read:

"2-17-512. Powers and duties of department. (1) The department is responsible for carrying out the planning and program responsibilities for information technology for state government, except the national guard. The department shall:

(a) encourage and foster the development of new and innovative information technology within state government;

(b) promote, coordinate, and approve the development and sharing of shared information technology application software, management systems, and information that provide similar functions for multiple state agencies;

(c) cooperate with the office of economic development to promote economic development initiatives based on information technology;

(d) establish and enforce a state strategic information technology plan as provided for in 2-17-521;

(e) establish and enforce statewide information technology policies and standards;

(f) review and approve state agency information technology plans provided for in 2-17-523;

(g) coordinate with the office of budget and program planning to evaluate budget requests that include information technology resources. The department shall make recommendations to the office of budget and program planning for the approval or disapproval of information technology budget requests, including an estimate of the useful life of the asset proposed for purchase and whether the amount should be expensed or capitalized, based on state accounting policy established by the department. An unfavorable recommendation must be based on a determination that the request is not provided for in the approved agency information plan."
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(2) If it is in the state's best interest, the department may contract with qualified private organizations,
foundations, or individuals to carry out the purposes of this section.

(3) The director of the department shall appoint the chief information officer to assist in carrying out the department's information technology duties."

Section 2. Section 2-17-513, MCA, is amended to read:

"2-17-513. Duties of board. The board shall:

(1) provide a forum to:

(a) guide state agencies, the legislative branch, the judicial branch, and local governments in the development and deployment of intergovernmental information technology resources;
(b) share information among state agencies, local governments, and federal agencies regarding the development of information technology resources;

(2) advise the department:

(a) in the development of cooperative contracts for the purchase of information technology resources;
(b) regarding the creation, management, and administration of electronic government services and information on the internet;
(c) regarding the administration of electronic government services contracts;
(d) on the priority of government services to be provided electronically;
(e) on convenience fees prescribed in 2-17-1102 and 2-17-1103, if needed, for electronic government services; and
(f) on any other aspect of providing electronic government services;

(3) review and advise the department on:

(a) statewide information technology standards and policies;
(b) the state strategic information technology plan;
(c) major information technology budget requests;
(d) rates and other charges for services established by the department as provided in 2-17-512(1)(t);
(e) requests for exceptions as provided for in 2-17-515;
(f) notification of proposed exemptions by the university system and office of public instruction as provided for in 2-17-516;
(g) action taken by the department as provided in 2-17-514(1) for any activity that is not in compliance with this part;
(h) the implementation of major information technology projects and advise the respective governing
authority of any issue of concern to the board relating to implementation of the project; and

(i) financial reports, management reports, and other data as requested by the department;

(4) study state government's present and future information technology needs and advise the department
on the use of emerging technology in state government;

(5) request information and reports that it considers necessary from any entity using or having access
to the statewide telecommunications network or central computer center;

(6) assist in identifying, evaluating, and prioritizing potential departmental and interagency electronic
government services;

(7) serve as a central coordination point for electronic government services provided by the department
and other state agencies; and

(8) study, propose, develop, or coordinate any other activity in furtherance of electronic government
services as requested by the governor or the legislature; and

(9) prepare and submit to the state administration and veterans' affairs interim committee by September
14 in the year preceding the regular legislative session and in the manner provided in 5-11-210 a report including
but not necessarily limited to a summary of the board's activities, a review of the electronic government program
established under part 11 of this chapter, and any key findings and recommendations that the board presented
to the department.