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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Legislative Modernization

From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

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Subject: Bill Brief on HB 2270

House Bill 2270 authorizes the chief information security officer to receive audit reports and updates statutes related to services provided by the chief information technology officer.

Section 1 amends K.S.A. 46-1135, the statute that requires the legislative division of post audit to conduct audits as directed by the legislative post audit committee. Current law requires that the written reports of the results of an audit shall be provided to the chief information technology officer of the branch of government that the entity being audited is part of. This bill would add the chief information security officer of the branch of government that the entity being audited is part of.

Section 2 amends K.S.A. 75-4704, the statute that requires the office of information technology services to provide data processing and application hosting services. This bill adds cloud services to the list of services offered and limits the divisions, departments and agencies that are provided those services to those within the executive branch.

Section 3 amends K.S.A. 75-4705, the statute about central processing of data. The section is amended to include cloud computing services and limits the divisions, departments and agencies that are provided those services to those within the executive branch. Subsection (c) is added to provide that infrastructure and platform as a service cloud computing services shall be performed by or contracted for through the office of information technology services. Software as a service applications shall be registered and inventoried with the office of information technology services. Subsection (d) is added to provide that any procurement of central processing units or distributed computing equipment with a cost of \$75,000 or more by an executive branch division, department or agency shall be approved by the executive branch chief information technology officer.

Section 4 amends K.S.A. 75-4709, the statute about telecommunications services for state agencies. Current law provides that the executive branch chief information technology officer shall have the authority to control the acquisition, retention and use of all telecommunications services for all divisions, departments and agencies of the state. This bill adds telecommunications equipment or software. It allows the executive branch chief information technology officer to authorize a division, department or agency to procure its own telecommunications services, equipment or software if such procurement is compatible with the office of information technology services telecommunications services. This section would not apply to cell phones.

Section 5 amends K.S.A. 75-4710, the statute that defines telecommunications services. A sentence is added providing that telecommunications equipment includes networking and telephony hardware and related telecommunications software or telecommunications cloud solutions.

Section 6 amends K.S.A. 75-7205, the statute that creates the executive branch chief information technology officer. Current law provides a list of duties of the officer, and this would add that the officer shall (1) prepare and lead the implementation of a strategic direction and enterprise direction for information technology for the executive branch, (2) establish standards and policies for the consistent and efficient operation of information technology services throughout the executive branch, and (3) analyze the expenditures made by executive branch agencies on information technology projects to identify opportunities and efficiencies.