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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2270**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Legislative Modernization

**Brief\***

HB 2270 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 for 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, in addition to existing data

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

- Infrastructure and platform cloud computing services would be required to be performed by or contracted through OITS;
- Software as a service applications would be required 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 would require approval by the Executive Branch CITO.

### ***Telecommunications Service***

The bill would expand the authority of the Executive Branch CITO over telecommunications services to include control over equipment and software. The bill would also modify the definition of “telecommunications equipment” to include networking and telephony hardware, related telecommunications software, and telecommunications cloud solutions, and specify cellular and satellite phones would not be included in this definition.

The bill would also permit the Executive Branch CITO to authorize a division, department, or agency to procure its own telecommunications services, equipment, or software, 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 with 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, 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 for the bill that would exclude the Judicial Branch from the definition of division, department, or agency of the state. 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.

## **Fiscal Information**

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, 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