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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2271

As Recommended by House Committee on
Legislative Modernization

Brief*

HB 2271 would remove the July 1, 2026 sunset from provisions of law related to the administration and organization of information technology (IT) and cybersecurity services within each branch of state government. [Note: The bill would remove the sunset provision contained within 2024 House Sub. for SB 291.]

The bill would also add to the list of recipients the Joint Committee on Information Technology to receive two reports from the Information Technology Executive council (ITEC).

Under the bill, removal of the sunset would make the following provisions permanent:

- Appointment of a Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) for the offices of the Department of Insurance, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI), Judicial Administration, and Legislature;
- The development of cybersecurity programs compliant with National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Frameworks;
- Annual cybersecurity awareness training for employees;

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- Coordination with the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency for security audits;
- Integration of cybersecurity services with the respective branch CISOs by July 1, 2027;
- Development of an IT integration plan by the Information Technology Executive Council for executive branch IT services;
- Development of a cost estimate for provision of IT services to State and county-funded district courts;
- Mandate all State websites be hosted on a .gov domain by February 1, 2025;
- Require certain reports be made to legislative committees;
- Provision of separate line-item appropriations for IT and cybersecurity expenditures;
- Five percent appropriation reduction for agencies found to be not compliant with cybersecurity programs based on NIST standards; and
- Require certain cybersecurity measures and compliance reports be made to the legislature.

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 no testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget (DoB) on the bill, DoB indicates data to fulfill requirements related line item appropriations of IT expenditures, and historic IT expenditure information required by 2024 House Substitute for SB 291 is not readily available, and the potential shifting of fund in FY 2026 could be problematic for federal fund tracking and commingling of fund requirements. These provisions would require additional time for the DoB to study.

The Office of Information Technology services indicates it cannot determine the fiscal effect at this time, and will not have a cost estimate until after presenting its final report to the 2026 Legislature.

The Office of Judicial Administration (OJA) indicates increased ongoing SGF expenditures totaling \$459,500 beginning FY 2026 for ongoing implementation of SB 291, cybersecurity enhancements, and software. OJA also indicates the possible need for additional expenditures to comply with provisions of the Act, but will make such request in the next budget cycle.

Legislative Administrative Services indicates the bill would increase expenditures for a CISO and other IT procurement, but can not provide an estimate at this time.

The Office of the Attorney General estimates an increase in SGF expenditures totaling \$60,000 in both FY 2026 and FY 2027 for required cybersecurity software.

The Adjutant General indicates no fiscal effect on the agency. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

Cybersecurity; Chief Information Security Officer; Chief Information Technology Officer; sunset; information technology; integration