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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 135

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARLSON

TECHNOLOGY: Requests all state departments to identify the cost of maintaining legacy technology systems

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the division of administration, office of technology services, and the 3 Legislative Budgetary Control Council to each independently study the current status 4 of the three oldest and the three most expensive information technology systems used 5 by agencies under their purview to determine the risks posed by continued use of 6 such technology, the costs of continued operation of any such outdated or ineffective 7 information technology, and options and concerns regarding transition to new 8 technology systems including cloud-based services, and to report their findings and 9 recommendations to the legislature by January 1, 2025. 10 WHEREAS, information technology systems and services are an integral component 11 of the delivery of services to the citizens of the state, and the records and information 12 contained in information technology systems are a critical asset and responsibility of the 13 state; and 14 WHEREAS, information technology, both hardware and software, evolves rapidly 15 and keeping it up-to-date may require significant funding for an enterprise as large and 16 diverse as Louisiana state government, but failing to do so can also become a drain on the 17 state fisc due to inefficiencies caused by slow or incompatible systems, social and economic 18 costs of failures in older technology, and exposure to malicious attacks to which older 19 technology is more vulnerable; and 20 WHEREAS, interruption in the availability of information technology systems and 21 services presents a risk to the continuity of services to citizens and support of business

operations within the executive and legislative branches of state government; and

1	WHEREAS, the information technology systems and services of the state should
2	incorporate the most effective technology available to ensure continuity of operations,
3	protection of state information, long-term cost savings through efficiency, and availability
4	of services to citizens of the state; and
5	WHEREAS, the division of administration, office of technology services, pursuant
6	to R.S. 39:15.1, is responsible for providing information technology systems and services
7	to cabinet departments in the executive branch of state government and the Legislative
8	Budgetary Control Council is responsible for multiple aspects of day-to-day legislative
9	functions, including approval of the contract for legislative information technology services.
10	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
11	urge and request the division of administration, office of technology services, and the
12	Legislative Budgetary Control Council to each independently study the current status of the
13	three oldest and the three most expensive information technology systems used by agencies
14	under their purview to determine the risks posed by continued use of such technology, the
15	costs of continued operation of any such outdated or ineffective information technology, and
16	options and concerns regarding transition to new technology systems including cloud-based
17	services.
18	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each entity shall report its findings and
19	recommendations by January 1, 2025, in accordance with the following:
20	(1) The report shall include an executive summary and present findings for each
21	such system as well as findings that are not system specific.
22	(2) The report shall include the following:
23	(a) Identification of the three oldest information technology systems used by
24	agencies under its purview; recommendations for improvements of such systems; and
25	potential costs and cost savings of such improvements.
26	(b) Identification of the three most expensive information technology systems used
27	by agencies under its purview and an explanation of the cost, age, and purpose of each such
28	system as well as recommendations for improvements of each such system and potential
29	costs and cost savings of such improvements.

1	(c) Identification of points of risk of failure of these systems, estimates of the social
2	and economic impacts of any such failure, and potential costs and risk reductions gained by
3	updating such systems.
4	(d) Identification of risk of unauthorized access, loss or corruption of data, and
5	exposure to malicious software, the severity of such risks, estimates of the social and
6	economic impacts of any such attack, and potential costs and risk reductions gained by
7	updating such systems.
8	(e) Identification of technology fees and other sources of revenue that are dedicated
9	to technology needs of each agency with a covered system.
10	(f) Recommended priorities for upgrades considering all such costs, liabilities, and
11	benefits.
12	(g) Options and concerns regarding transition to new technology services including
13	cloud-based services.
14	(3)(a)(i) If the final report contains any information that would be exempt from
15	disclosure pursuant to any provision of the Public Records Law, each entity shall deliver a
16	redacted copy of such report to the legislature in accordance with R.S. 24:772 with any
17	information in the report that would be exempt from disclosure pursuant to the Public
18	Records Law excised from such copy of the report. Such copy shall have each redacted
19	portion clearly marked with the provision or provisions of the Public Records Law that the
20	entity believes applies to each such redaction.
21	(ii) Each entity shall deliver a separate report to the Joint Legislative Committee on
22	Technology and Cybersecurity that does not contain redactions, which shall be treated as
23	confidential and may only be discussed by the joint committee in executive session in
24	accordance with R.S. 24:672.
25	(b) If the final report does not contain any information that would be exempt from
26	disclosure pursuant to any provision of the Public Records Law, each entity shall deliver the
27	report to the legislature in accordance with R.S. 24:772 and shall deliver a separate copy to

the Joint Legislative Committee on Technology and Cybersecurity.

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DIGEST

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Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

- 1. Add provisions to request the Legislative Budgetary Control Council to conduct the study for agencies under its purview and report its findings and recommendations to the legislature by Jan. 1, 2025.
- 2. Make conforming changes.