

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15 costs of continued operation of any such outdated or ineffective information technology, and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
28 the Joint Legislative Committee on Technology and Cybersecurity.

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.