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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 121

BY REPRESENTATIVE IVEY

INFRASTRUCTURE: Requests the office of technology services to perform a risk assessment of the state's information technology infrastructure

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the division of administration, office of technology services, to study
3 the current status of mission critical information technology systems in the agencies
4 of the executive branch of state government to determine the risks posed and the
5 costs of continued operation of outdated or ineffective information technology and
6 to report to its findings and recommendations to the legislature by February 1, 2018.

7 WHEREAS, information technology systems and services are an integral component
8 of the delivery of services to the citizens of the state, and the records and information
9 contained in information technology systems are a critical asset and responsibility of the
10 state; and

11 WHEREAS, information technology, both hardware and software, evolves very
12 quickly and keeping it up to date may require significant funding for an enterprise as large
13 and diverse as Louisiana state government, but failing to do so can also become a drain on
14 the state fisc due to inefficiencies caused by slow or incompatible systems, social and
15 economic costs of failures in older technology, and exposure to malicious attacks to which
16 older technology is more vulnerable; and

17 WHEREAS, interruption in the availability of information technology systems and
18 services presents a risk to the continuity of delivery of services to citizens and support of
19 business operations within the executive branch; and

20 WHEREAS, the information technology systems and services of the state should
21 incorporate the most effective technology available to ensure continuity of operations,

1 protection of state information, long-term cost savings through efficiency, and availability
2 of services to citizens of the state; and

3 WHEREAS, the division of administration, office of technology services, pursuant
4 to R.S. 39:15.3, is responsible for providing information technology systems and services
5 to cabinet departments in the executive branch.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
7 urge and request the division of administration, office of technology services, to study the
8 current status of mission critical information technology systems in the agencies of the
9 executive branch of state government to determine the risks posed and the costs of continued
10 operation of outdated or ineffective information technology.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the office shall report its findings and
12 recommendations by February 1, 2018, in accordance with the following:

13 (1) The report shall present findings for each state agency and findings that are not
14 agency specific.

15 (2) The report shall include the following:

16 (a) Identification of systems that are inefficient, recommendations for improvements
17 of such inefficient systems, and potential costs and cost savings of such improvements.

18 (b) Identification of points of risk of failure of aging systems, estimates of the social
19 and economic impacts of any such failure, and potential costs and risk reductions gained by
20 updating such systems.

21 (c) Identification of risk of unauthorized access, loss or corruption of data, and
22 exposure to malicious software, the severity of such risks, estimates of the social and
23 economic impacts of any such attack, and potential costs and risk reductions gained by
24 updating such systems.

25 (d) Identification of technology fees and other sources of revenue that are dedicated
26 to technology needs of a state agency.

27 (e) Recommended priorities for upgrades considering all such costs, liabilities, and
28 benefits.

29 (3) The report shall be delivered to the legislature in accordance with R.S. 24:772
30 except that information in the report that would be exempt from disclosure pursuant to R.S.

1 44:3.1 or another provision of the Public Records Law shall be excised from the report
2 submitted to the legislature and delivered in a separate report to the House Select Committee
3 on Homeland Security and the Senate Select Committee on Homeland Security meeting,
4 jointly or separately, in executive session.

DIGEST

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