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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Expands the definition of "fiscal intermediary services" with respect to state information technology procurement.

Present law sets forth the procedures and regulations for state procurement of information technology systems and services. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law with respect to procurement of information technology systems and services restricts "fiscal intermediary services" to contracts for the processing of claims of health care providers. Proposed law expands the definition to include, for example, enterprise architecture, electronic visit verification, third-party liability, financial management, provider management system, care management, health care claims and encounter processing, payment integrity, data warehousing, and pharmacy benefit management.

Present law authorizes multiyear contracts for fiscal intermediary services in processing claims of health care providers. Proposed law authorizes multiyear contracts for fiscal intermediary services as defined in proposed law.

Present law restricts contracts for fiscal intermediary services in processing claims of health care providers to terms of one hundred and twenty months. Proposed law authorizes one hundred and twenty-month terms for fiscal intermediary services contracts as defined in proposed law.

Present law authorizes award of a fiscal intermediary services contract upon completion of a competitive selection process outlined in present law. Proposed law retains present law and further authorizes contracts for fiscal intermediary contracts to be awarded through a cooperative purchasing agreement with an agency from another state, provided such procurement meets the competitive selection process established in this paragraph. Further provides that any contract resulting from such a procurement shall not require the participation of a Louisiana-licensed dealer or distributor and the Louisiana-based agency shall not be required to be the lead on the contract.

Present law requires the fiscal intermediary to perform certain functions after the original contract has expired and before a new contract is entered into. These functions include efforts to control fraud and abuse, program reports, encounter data, and enrollment and program information services. Proposed law changes this requirement from mandatory to permissive.

Directs the La. State Law Institute to alphabetize and renumber the definitions in present law (R.S. 39:197) as amended by the provisions of proposed law.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 39:197(12) and (15) and 198(G)(intro. para.) and (I)(intro. para.), (1), (5), and (9);  
Adds R.S. 39:197(19))