



1           WHEREAS, interruption in the availability of information technology systems and  
2 services presents a risk to the continuity of services to citizens and support of business  
3 operations within the executive branch of state government; and

4           WHEREAS, the information technology systems and services of the state should  
5 incorporate the most effective technology available to ensure continuity of operations,  
6 protection of state information, long-term cost savings through efficiency, and availability  
7 of services to citizens of the state; and

8           WHEREAS, the division of administration, office of technology services, pursuant  
9 to R.S. 39:15.1, is responsible for providing information technology systems and services  
10 to cabinet departments in the executive branch of state government.

11           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
12 urge and request the division of administration, office of technology services, to study the  
13 current status of the three oldest and the three most expensive information technology  
14 systems used by agencies in the executive branch of state government to determine the risks  
15 posed by continued use of such technology, the costs of continued operation of any such  
16 outdated or ineffective information technology, and options and concerns regarding  
17 transition to new technology systems including cloud-based services.

18           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the office 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, mission-critical, information technology  
24 systems used by agencies in the executive branch of state government; recommendations for  
25 improvements of such systems; and potential costs and cost savings of such improvements.

26           (b) Identification of the three most expensive, mission-critical, information  
27 technology systems used by agencies in the executive branch of state government and an  
28 explanation of the cost, age, and purpose of each such system as well as recommendations  
29 for improvements of each such system and potential costs and cost savings of such  
30 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, the office 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 office believes applies to each such redaction.

21 (ii) The office 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, the office 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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