

FOR CONSIDERATION By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to digital classrooms; amending s.
3 282.0051, F.S.; requiring the Agency for State
4 Technology to establish and publish information
5 technology architecture standards for purposes of
6 implementing digital classrooms by a specified date;
7 requiring the agency to collaborate with the
8 Department of Education and the Department of
9 Management Services to identify certain state contract
10 procurement options for services that support such
11 standards and to identify certain shared services
12 available through the State Data Center to facilitate
13 the implementation of school district digital
14 classrooms plans; requiring the agency's annual
15 assessment of the Department of Education to review
16 specified issues with respect to school district
17 digital classrooms plans and to provide planning
18 assistance to address and reduce issues identified by
19 the assessment; authorizing the agency to contract for
20 assistance with the annual assessment if needed;
21 requiring the agency to provide the annual assessment
22 to the Commissioner of Education by a specified date;
23 requiring a school district to take specified action
24 within a certain period if the district is notified by
25 the Department of Education that it is not in
26 compliance with the information technology
27 architecture standards; amending s. 282.00515, F.S.;
28 conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective
29 date.

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31 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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33 Section 1. Subsections (2), (7), and (10) of section
34 282.0051, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

35 282.0051 Agency for State Technology; powers, duties, and
36 functions.—The Agency for State Technology shall have the
37 following powers, duties, and functions:

38 (2) Establish and publish information technology
39 architecture standards that:

40 (a) ~~to~~ Provide for the most efficient use of the state's
41 information technology resources and that ~~to~~ ensure
42 compatibility and alignment with the needs of state agencies.
43 The agency shall assist state agencies in complying with the
44 standards.

45 (b) Address for purposes of implementing digital classrooms
46 under s. 1011.62(12) issues that include, but are not limited
47 to, device recommendations, security requirements, connectivity
48 requirements, and browser expectations. Such standards must be
49 published by July 1, 2016.

50 (7) (a) Participate with the Department of Management
51 Services in evaluating, conducting, and negotiating competitive
52 solicitations for state term contracts for information
53 technology commodities, consultant services, or staff
54 augmentation contractual services pursuant to s. 287.0591.

55 (b) Collaborate with the Department of Management Services
56 in information technology resource acquisition planning.

57 (c) Collaborate with the Department of Education and the
58 Department of Management Services to identify:

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59 1. State term contract procurement options that are
60 available to school districts which provide information
61 technology commodities, consultant services, or staff
62 augmentation contractual services that support the information
63 technology architecture standards applicable to digital
64 classrooms.

65 2. Shared services available to school districts through
66 the State Data Center to facilitate the implementation of school
67 district digital classrooms plans.

68 (10) (a) Beginning July 1, 2016, and annually thereafter,
69 conduct annual assessments of state agencies to determine
70 compliance with all information technology standards and
71 guidelines developed and published by the agency, and beginning
72 December 1, 2016, and annually thereafter, provide results of
73 the assessments to the Executive Office of the Governor, the
74 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
75 Representatives.

76 (b) Include in the annual assessment of the Department of
77 Education under paragraph (a):

78 1. A review of each school district's digital classrooms
79 plan submitted to the Department of Education under s.
80 1011.62(12), to determine the school district's compliance with
81 the information technology architecture standards adopted under
82 paragraph (2) (b) and to ensure the accuracy of the school
83 district's information technology resources inventory as
84 submitted to the Department of Education's Technology Resources
85 Inventory System.

86 2. Planning assistance to the Department of Education,
87 school districts, and public schools to address and reduce any

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88 issues identified by the annual assessment.

89 (c) Contract, if assistance with the completion of the
90 annual assessment under paragraph (b) is needed, with one or
91 more independent, third-party professional organizations.

92 (d) Provide the annual assessment under paragraph (b) to
93 the Commissioner of Education by December 1, 2016, and annually
94 thereafter. If the Department of Education notifies a school
95 district that the district is not in compliance with the
96 information technology architecture standards adopted under
97 paragraph (2)(b), the district, within 60 days after such
98 notification, must become compliant, obtain an exemption from
99 such compliance from the Department of Education, or procure
100 services through the agency or the Department of Management
101 Services to achieve compliance.

102 Section 2. Section 282.00515, Florida Statutes, is amended
103 to read:

104 282.00515 Duties of Cabinet agencies.—The Department of
105 Legal Affairs, the Department of Financial Services, and the
106 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall adopt the
107 standards established in s. 282.0051(2)(a), (3), and (8) or
108 adopt alternative standards based on best practices and industry
109 standards, and may contract with the Agency for State Technology
110 to provide or perform any of the services and functions
111 described in s. 282.0051 for the Department of Legal Affairs,
112 the Department of Financial Services, or the Department of
113 Agriculture and Consumer Services.

114 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.