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HOUSE BILL 969

Short Title: IT Strategy Board & Strategy Reserve. (Public)

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT CREATING THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY BOARD AND  
3 THE INFORMATION STRATEGY RESERVE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is amended  
6 by adding two new sections to read:

7 "**§ 143B-1337. Information Technology Strategy Board.**

8 (a) Creation; Membership. – The Information Technology Strategy Board is created in  
9 the Department of Information Technology. The Board consists of the following members:

10 (1) The State Chief Information Officer.

11 (2) The State Budget Officer.

12 (3) The President of The University of North Carolina.

13 (4) The President of the North Carolina Community College System.

14 (5) The Secretary of Administration.

15 (6) One citizen of this State with a background in and familiarity with business  
16 system technology, information systems, or telecommunications appointed by  
17 the Governor.

18 (7) Two members of the Senate appointed by the General Assembly upon the  
19 recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate in accordance  
20 with G.S. 120-121. One Senator shall be a member of the majority party and  
21 one Senator shall be a member of the minority party.

22 (8) Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the General  
23 Assembly upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of  
24 Representatives in accordance with G.S. 120-121. One representative shall be  
25 a member of the majority party and one representative shall be a member of  
26 the minority party.

27 (9) The State Auditor, who shall serve as a nonvoting member.

28 Members of the Board appointed by the Governor shall serve terms of four years with the  
29 initial term expiring January 1, 2021. Members of the Board appointed by the General Assembly  
30 shall serve terms of two years with the initial term expiring January 1, 2021. Members of the  
31 Board shall not be employed by or serve on the board of directors or other corporate governing  
32 body of any vendor providing information systems, computer hardware, computure software, or  
33 telecommunications goods or services to the State. The State CIO shall serve as the chair of the  
34 Board. Vacancies in appointments made by the General Assembly shall be filled in accordance



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1 with G.S. 120-122. Members of the Board who are employees of State agencies or institutions  
2 shall receive subsistence and travel allowances authorized by G.S. 138-6. Legislative members  
3 of the Board shall receive subsistence and travel allowances authorized by G.S. 120-3.1. A  
4 majority of the Board constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business. The Department of  
5 Information Technology shall provide all clerical and other services required by the Board.

6 (b) Board Powers and Duties. – The Board shall have the following powers and duties:

7 (1) To advise the State CIO on policies and procedures to develop, review, and  
8 update the State Information Technology Plan.

9 (2) To establish necessary committees to identify and share industry best practices  
10 and new development and to identify existing State information technology  
11 problems and deficiencies.

12 (3) To establish guidelines regarding the review of project planning and  
13 management, information sharing, and administrative and technical review  
14 procedures involving State-owned or State-supported technology and  
15 infrastructure.

16 (4) To establish ad hoc technical advisory groups to study and make  
17 recommendations on specific topics, including work groups to establish,  
18 coordinate, and prioritize needs.

19 (5) To assist the State CIO in recommending to the Governor and the General  
20 Assembly a prioritized list of enterprise initiatives for which new or additional  
21 funding is needed.

22 (6) To recommend business system technology projects to the Department and  
23 the General Assembly that meet the following criteria:

24 a. A defined start and end point.

25 b. Specific objectives that signify completion.

26 c. Designed to implement or deliver a unique product, system, or service  
27 pertaining to business system technology.

28 (7) To develop and maintain a five-year prioritization plan for future business  
29 system technology projects.

30 (c) Meetings. – The Board shall adopt bylaws containing rules governing its meeting  
31 procedures. The Board shall meet at least quarterly.

32 (d) Reports. – The Board shall submit a report on projects that have been recommended,  
33 the status of those projects, and the most recent version of its five-year prioritization plan to the  
34 Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology and the Fiscal Research  
35 Division on or before January 1 of each year.

36 **"§ 143B-1378. Information Technology Strategy Reserve.**

37 (a) Creation and Source of Funds. – There is established in the General Fund the  
38 Information Technology Strategy Reserve, hereinafter referred to as the "Reserve." The Reserve  
39 shall be maintained as a special fund within the Department of Information Technology to carry  
40 out the provisions of this section. Interest accruing from the monies in the Reserve shall be  
41 credited to the Reserve. The Reserve shall consist of the following sources of funding:

42 (1) Four-tenths of one percent (0.4%) of the net State tax revenues that are  
43 deposited in the General Fund during the fiscal year.

44 (2) All interest earnings received on monies in the Reserve.

45 (3) Any other funds, as directed by the General Assembly.

46 (b) Use of Funds. – Monies in the Reserve shall be used for the following purposes:

47 (1) Business system technology projects recommended by the Information  
48 Technology Strategy Board and approved by the General Assembly.

49 (2) Agency information technology projects and project planning.

1       (c)     Funding Requirements. – Each Current Operations Appropriations Act enacted by the  
2 General Assembly shall include a transfer to the Reserve of four-tenths of one percent (0.4%) of  
3 each year's estimated net State tax revenues that are deposited in the General Fund.

4       (d)     Transfer of Funds to the Reserve. – On June 30 of each year, the Office of State  
5 Controller shall transfer to the Reserve the estimated amount required pursuant to subsection (c)  
6 of this section.

7       (e)     Funds Available Only Upon Appropriation. – Funds in the Reserve shall be available  
8 for expenditure only upon an act of appropriation by the General Assembly.

9             **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Information  
10 Technology Strategy Reserve the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in nonrecurring funds  
11 for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

12             **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2019.