

1 AN ACT relating to information technology systems and declaring an emergency.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 7A.180 is amended to read as follows:

4 As used in **Sections 1 to 3 of this Act**~~[this section]:~~

5 (1) **"Application" means software components resting on infrastructure that may be**  
6 **used to create, use, store, or share data and information to enable support of a**  
7 **business function;**

8 (2) **"Committee**~~[Board]~~**" means the**~~[Investments in]~~ Information Technology~~[~~  
9 ~~Improvement and Modernization Projects]~~ Oversight **Committee**~~[Board];~~

10 (3)~~(2)~~ **"Cybersecurity system" means an information technology system or**  
11 **application used to protect against the criminal or unauthorized use of electronic**  
12 **data held by a state agency;**

13 (4) "Information technology system" means any related computer or  
14 telecommunication components that provide a functional system for a specific  
15 business purpose and contain one (1) or more of the following:

- 16 1. Hardware;
- 17 2. Software, including application software, systems management software,  
18 utility software, or communications software;
- 19 3. Professional services for requirements analysis, system integration,  
20 installation, implementation, or data conversion services; or
- 21 4. Digital data products, including acquisition and quality control;~~and]~~

22 (5)~~(3)~~ **"Legacy system" means an information technology system or application**  
23 **that:**

24 **(a) Is no longer supported by a vendor;**

25 **(b) Is written in a programming language people no longer learn;**

26 **(c) Does not comply with state or federal regulations;**

27 **(d) Is incompatible with advanced technology;**

1 (e) Is inefficient or no longer meets the needs for the state agency's workforce;

2 or

3 (f) Includes applications developed by a state agency which were written

4 decades ago and for which the state agency does not have the expertise to

5 support or maintain; and

6 **(6)** "State agency" means any department, commission, council, board, bureau,  
7 committee, institution, legislative body, agency, government corporation, or other  
8 entity of the executive, judicial, or legislative branch of state government.

9 ➔Section 2. KRS 7A.185 is amended to read as follows:

10 (1) The ~~Investments in~~ Information Technology ~~Improvement and Modernization~~  
11 ~~Projects~~ Oversight **Committee**~~Board~~ is hereby established and shall consist of six

12 (6) members to be appointed as follows~~in accordance with the following~~:

13 (a) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint three (3) current  
14 members of the House of Representatives, one (1) of whom shall be  
15 designated co-chair, and at least one (1) of the three (3) members shall  
16 represent the minority party;

17 (b) The President of the Senate shall appoint three (3) current members of the  
18 Senate, one (1) of whom shall be designated co-chair, and at least one (1) of  
19 the three (3) members shall represent the minority party; and

20 (c) All members shall be active members of the Kentucky General Assembly  
21 during their terms of appointment.

22 (2) Any vacancy on the **committee**~~board~~ shall be filled in the same manner as the  
23 original appointment.

24 (3) The co-chairs shall have joint responsibilities for **committee**~~board~~ meetings,  
25 agendas, and presiding at **committee**~~board~~ meetings.

26 (4) On an alternating basis, each co-chair shall have the first option to set the ~~monthly~~  
27 meeting date. A ~~monthly~~ meeting may be canceled by agreement of both co-

1 chairs. The committee~~[board]~~ shall meet at least twice during each calendar year.

2 (5) Members of the committee~~[board]~~ shall be entitled to reimbursement for expenses  
3 incurred in the performance of their duties.

4 (6) A majority of the entire membership of the committee~~[board]~~ shall constitute a  
5 quorum, and all actions of the committee~~[board]~~ shall be by vote of a majority of its  
6 entire membership.

7 (7) The purpose of the committee~~[board]~~ is to:

8 (a) Review investment and funding strategies~~[for projects]~~ to improve or  
9 modernize state agency information technology systems or applications,  
10 including:

11 1. Legacy systems~~;~~~~[system projects and]~~

12 2. Cybersecurity systems~~[projects]~~; and

13 3.~~[2.]~~The current and ongoing operation and maintenance of state agency  
14 information technology systems or applications~~[resources]~~;

15 (b) Determine the appropriate organizational structure for deployment of  
16 technology across the Commonwealth; and

17 (c) Review the latest information technology developments trending across the  
18 nation.

19 ➔Section 3. KRS 7A.190 is amended to read as follows:

20 (1) ~~[Not later than July 30, 2025, ]~~The committee~~[board]~~, in consultation with the  
21 Commonwealth Office of Technology, shall prescribe the form, contents, and  
22 manner of submission of data to fulfill the purposes under subsection (7) of  
23 Section 2 of this Act and to provide an inventory of existing information  
24 technology systems or applications~~[the plan required under this section].~~

25 (2)~~[Each state agency shall submit the plan developed under this section to the :~~

26 (a)~~Commonwealth Office of Technology; and~~

27 (b)~~board.~~

1 ~~(3)~~ (a) Not later than July 15~~[October 1]~~, 2025, and not later than April 15, 2027,  
 2 and each April 15 biennially thereafter, each state agency in the executive,  
 3 legislative, and judicial branches of state government shall submit  
 4 information to the committee~~[prepare an agency-wide plan]~~ outlining the  
 5 manner in which the agency intends to transition its information technology  
 6 systems or applications~~[and data-related services and capabilities]~~ into a  
 7 modern, integrated, secure, and effective technological environment,  
 8 including a six (6) year outline and funding sources for that transition.

9 (b) Each state agency shall provide information regarding an estimated  
 10 timeline and funding source for:

11 1. Each legacy system;

12 2. Each cybersecurity system;

13 3. The maintenance or upgrade required for an existing information  
 14 technology system or application; and

15 4. Each planned development of a future information technology system  
 16 or application required within the state agency.

17 (c) Each state agency may consult with and obtain information from the  
 18 Commonwealth Office of Technology to carry out the requirements of this  
 19 subsection.

20 ~~(3)~~~~(4)~~ (a) On or before October~~[December]~~ 1, 2025, and biennially thereafter, the  
 21 committee~~[board]~~ shall provide a written report to the Legislative Research  
 22 Commission that identifies:

23 1. Existing and planned information technology systems or  
 24 applications~~[projects]~~ to improve or modernize state agency information  
 25 technology systems; and

26 2. The method of funding for each information technology system or  
 27 application~~[project]~~ identified by the state agency~~[board]~~.

- 1 (b) The written report to the Legislative Research Commission shall include:
- 2 1. A recommendation by the committee~~[board]~~ of the estimated amount
- 3 necessary to fully fund to completion each information technology
- 4 system or application~~[project]~~ identified~~[by the board]~~; and
- 5 2. Strategies developed by the committee~~[board]~~ to ensure a long-term
- 6 investment solution is in place~~[for projects]~~ to improve or modernize~~[~~
- 7 ~~state agency]~~ information technology systems or applications~~[are in~~
- 8 ~~place]~~, including strategies to:
- 9 a. Access the full amount of federal moneys available~~[ for these~~
- 10 ~~projects]~~; and
- 11 b. Use information gathered by the state agency~~[department during~~
- 12 ~~previous projects]~~ to improve the management, oversight, and
- 13 transparency of future information technology systems or
- 14 applications~~[projects]~~.

15 ➔Section 4. Whereas the original timeline established for submission of required

16 reports by state agencies does not meet the current budget request submission process, an

17 emergency is declared to exist, and this Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by

18 the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a law.