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Senate Bill No. 583
(BY SENATORS BOWMAN AND CHAFIN)

[Passed March 13, 2010; in effect ninety days from passage.]
AN ACT to amend and reenact §5A-6-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, and to amend and reenact §12-3-10e, all relating to changing references from the Information Services and Communications Division to the Office of Technology.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §5A-6-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted; and that §12-3-10e be amended and reenacted, all to read as follows:

ARTICLE 6. OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY.

§5A-6-4. Powers and duties of the Chief Technology Officer; generally.

1 (a) With respect to all state spending units the Chief Technology Officer may:

3 (1) Develop an organized approach to information resource management for this state;
(2) Provide technical assistance to the administrators of the various state spending units in the design and management of information systems;

(3) Evaluate the economic justification, system design and suitability of information equipment and related services, and review and make recommendations on the purchase, lease or acquisition of information equipment and contracts for related services by the state spending units;

(4) Develop a mechanism for identifying those instances where systems of paper forms should be replaced by direct use of information equipment and those instances where applicable state or federal standards of accountability demand retention of some paper processes;

(5) Develop a mechanism for identifying those instances where information systems should be linked and information shared, while providing for appropriate limitations on access and the security of information;

(6) Create new technologies to be used in government, convene conferences and develop incentive packages to encourage the utilization of technology;

(7) Engage in any other activities as directed by the Governor;

(8) Charge a fee to the state spending units for evaluations performed and technical assistance provided under the provisions of this section. All fees collected by the Chief Technology Officer shall be deposited in a special account in the State Treasury to be known as the Chief Technology Officer Administration Fund. Expenditures from the fund shall be made by the Chief Technology Officer for the purposes set forth in this article and are not authorized from collections but are to be made only in accordance with appropriation by the Legislature and in accordance with the provisions of article three, chapter
twelve of this code and upon the fulfillment of the provi-
sions set forth in article two, chapter eleven-b of this code:

Provided, That the provisions of section eighteen, article
two, chapter eleven-b of this code shall not operate to
permit expenditures in excess of the spending authority
authorized by the Legislature. Amounts collected which
are found to exceed the funds needed for purposes set
forth in this article may be transferred to other accounts
or funds and redesignated for other purposes by appropri-
ation of the Legislature;

(9) Monitor trends and advances in information technol-
ogy and technical infrastructure;

(10) Direct the formulation and promulgation of policies,
guidelines, standards and specifications for the develop-
ment and maintenance of information technology and
technical infrastructure, including, but not limited to:

(A) Standards to support state and local government
exchange, acquisition, storage, use, sharing and distribu-
tion of electronic information;

(B) Standards concerning the development of electronic
transactions, including the use of electronic signatures;

(C) Standards necessary to support a unified approach
to information technology across the totality of state
government, thereby assuring that the citizens and busi-
nesses of the state receive the greatest possible security,
value and convenience from investments made in technol-
ogy;

(D) Guidelines directing the establishment of statewide
standards for the efficient exchange of electronic informa-
tion and technology, including technical infrastructure,
between the public and private sectors;

(E) Technical and data standards for information
technology and related systems to promote efficiency and
uniformity;
(F) Technical and data standards for the connectivity, priorities and interoperability of technical infrastructure used for homeland security, public safety and health and systems reliability necessary to provide continuity of government operations in times of disaster or emergency for all state, county and local governmental units; and

(G) Technical and data standards for the coordinated development of infrastructure related to deployment of electronic government services among state, county and local governmental units;

(11) Periodically evaluate the feasibility of subcontracting information technology resources and services, and to subcontract only those resources that are feasible and beneficial to the state;

(12) Direct the compilation and maintenance of an inventory of information technology and technical infrastructure of the state, including infrastructure and technology of all state, county and local governmental units, which may include personnel, facilities, equipment, goods and contracts for service, wireless tower facilities, geographic information systems and any technical infrastructure or technology that is used for law enforcement, homeland security or emergency services;

(13) Develop job descriptions and qualifications necessary to perform duties related to information technology as outlined in this article; and

(14) Promulgate legislative rules, in accordance with the provisions of chapter twenty-nine-a of this code, as may be necessary to standardize and make effective the administration of the provisions of article six of this chapter.

(b) With respect to executive agencies, the Chief Technology Officer may:

(1) Develop a unified and integrated structure for information systems for all executive agencies;
(2) Establish, based on need and opportunity, priorities and time lines for addressing the information technology requirements of the various executive agencies of state government;

(3) Exercise authority delegated by the Governor by executive order to overrule and supersede decisions made by the administrators of the various executive agencies of government with respect to the design and management of information systems and the purchase, lease or acquisition of information equipment and contracts for related services;

(4) Draw upon staff of other executive agencies for advice and assistance in the formulation and implementation of administrative and operational plans and policies; and

(5) Recommend to the Governor transfers of equipment and human resources from any executive agency and the most effective and efficient uses of the fiscal resources of executive agencies, to consolidate or centralize information-processing operations.

(c) The Chief Technology Officer may employ the personnel necessary to carry out the work of the Office of Technology and may approve reimbursement of costs incurred by employees to obtain education and training.

(d) The Chief Technology Officer shall develop a comprehensive, statewide, four-year strategic information technology and technical infrastructure policy and development plan to be submitted to the Governor and the Joint Committee on Government and Finance. A preliminary plan shall be submitted by December 1, 2006, and the final plan shall be submitted by June 1, 2007. The plan shall include, but not be limited to:

(A) A discussion of specific projects to implement the plan;
(B) A discussion of the acquisition, management and use of information technology by state agencies;

(C) A discussion of connectivity, priorities and interoperability of the state's technical infrastructure with the technical infrastructure of political subdivisions and encouraging the coordinated development of facilities and services regarding homeland security, law enforcement and emergency services to provide for the continuity of government operations in times of disaster or emergency;

(D) A discussion identifying potential market demand areas in which expanded resources and technical infrastructure may be expected;

(E) A discussion of technical infrastructure as it relates to higher education and health;

(F) A discussion of the use of public-private partnerships in the development of technical infrastructure and technology services; and

(G) A discussion of coordinated initiatives in website architecture and technical infrastructure to modernize and improve government to citizen services, government to business services, government to government relations and internal efficiency and effectiveness of services, including a discussion of common technical data standards and common portals to be utilized by state, county and local governmental units.

(e) The Chief Technology Officer shall oversee telecommunications services used by state spending units for the purpose of maximizing efficiency to the fullest possible extent. The Chief Technology Officer shall establish microwave or other networks and LATA hops; audit telecommunications services and usage; recommend and develop strategies for the discontinuance of obsolete or excessive utilization; participate in the renegotiation of telecommunications contracts; and encourage the use of
technology and take other actions necessary to provide the
greatest value to the state.

§12-3-10e. Purchasing Card Advisory Committee created;
purpose; membership; expenses.

1. (a) There is continued a Purchasing Card Advisory
Committee to enhance the development and implementa-
tion of the purchasing card program. The committee shall
solicit input from state agencies and make recommenda-
tions to improve the performance of the Purchasing Card
Program. The committee consists of fourteen members to
be appointed as follows:

1. (1) The Auditor shall serve as chairperson of the commit-
tee and shall appoint:

10. (A) Four members from the State College System of West
Virginia and the University System of West Virginia;

12. (B) One member from the Department of Health and
Human Resources; and

14. (C) One member from the Division of Highways and two
additional members at large from any state agency.

16. (2) The Secretary of the Department of Administration
shall appoint:

18. (A) One member from the Office of Technology;

19. (B) One member from the Financial Accounting and
Reporting Section; and

21. (C) One member from the Purchasing Division;

22. (3) The Secretary of the Department of Revenue shall
appoint one member from the Department of Revenue; and

24. (4) The State Treasurer shall appoint one member from
that office.
26 (b) Committee members shall be appointed for a term of one year, commencing on the July 1, 1998. Committee members shall receive reimbursement for expenses actually incurred in the performance of their duties on the committee.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

In effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within are approved ......... this the ............. Day of ............. 2010.

Governor