

Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability

HB 5301 — Information Technology Reorganization

by Governmental Operations and Technology Appropriations Subcommittee and Rep. Williamson (SB 1570 by Senator Hooper)

The bill makes changes in law relating to state agency information technology. The bill:

- Transfers the Agency for State Technology (AST), with all of its existing powers, duties, functions, personnel, records, property, and funds, including the state data center, to the Department of Management Services (DMS) as the newly created Division of State Technology. The bill repeals the statute authorizing the AST;
- Clarifies that the Department of Environmental Protection will review practices related to geospatial data;
- Codifies the Statewide Travel Management System to standardize and maintain records of travel for all state executive and judicial branch agencies;
- Enacts a “cloud-first” policy to require each state agency to show a preference for third party data systems over State Data Center infrastructure in its procurements process for new information technology; and
- Creates the Cybersecurity Task Force to study cybersecurity procedures, rules, and vulnerabilities and make recommendations thereupon.

The fiscal impact on state expenditures is indeterminate.

These provisions were approved by the Governor and take effect July 1, 2019.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 112-0