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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to state purchasing; requiring
the Department of Management Services to
develop and publish guidelines for state
agencies with respect to the purchase of
computer mainframes; establishing minimum
requirements; requiring agency adherence to the
guidelines; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. The Department of Management Services shall develop and publish, by July 1, 1999, after consultation with the Chief Information Officers Council, guidelines or best practices for state agencies to follow in purchasing computer mainframes from the state term contract for midrange/mainframe computers. Such guidelines or best practices shall include, at a minimum, agency development of a written agency scope of work, notice to mainframe vendors, evaluation methodologies, and procedures for conducting negotiations and obtaining best and final offers.

Section 2. State agencies must adhere to the published guidelines or best practices when purchasing computer mainframes from the state term contract for midrange/mainframe computers.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

Requires the Department of Management Services to develop and publish, by July 1, 1999, guidelines or best practices for state agencies to follow in purchasing computer mainframes from the state term contract for midrange/mainframe computers. Establishes minimum requirements for such guidelines. Requires agencies to adhere to guidelines when purchasing computer mainframes.