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See HB 197

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to computer technology;
3 providing for governmental products and
4 services to be made available on the Internet
5 under certain circumstances; directing the
6 appropriate state agencies to make certain
7 products and services available on the Internet
8 within a described time period; directing the
9 state system of public education to make
10 reasonable progress towards making certain
11 products available on the Internet; providing
12 for the responsibilities of the Department of
13 Management Services with respect to information
14 technology; providing for state agency
15 information technology plans; providing for
16 audits; providing an effective date.

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

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20 Section 1. Government products and services on the
21 Internet.--

22 (1) The appropriate state entities shall allow the
23 following services to be transacted on the Internet on or
24 before July 1, 2002:

25 (a) Application for and renewal of professional and
26 occupational licenses.

27 (b) Application for hunting and fishing licenses.

28 (c) Renewal of drivers' licenses.

29 (d) Filings for sales tax, court documents, and
30 Uniform Commercial Code.

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1 (e) Registrations for products, brands, motor
2 vehicles, corporations, and businesses.

3 (f) Submission of an application for unemployment,
4 welfare, and health benefits.

5 (2) The state system of public education, in
6 coordination with the Department of Education, shall make
7 reasonable progress toward making the following services
8 available through the Internet by July 1, 2002:

9 (a) Secure access by parents and students to student
10 grades and progress reports.

11 (b) Electronic mail communications with teachers,
12 parent-teacher associations, and school administrators.

13 (c) Access to school calendars and schedules.

14 (d) Teaching resources that may include teaching
15 plans, curriculum guides, and media resources.

16 (3) State entities shall, in carrying out the
17 requirements of this section, take reasonable steps to ensure
18 the security and privacy of records.

19 (4) A state entity is not required to provide a
20 transaction through the Internet that is impractical,
21 unreasonable, or not permitted by laws pertaining to privacy
22 or security.

23 Section 2. Department of Management Services;
24 duties.--

25 (1) The Department of Management Services shall:

26 (a) Develop specific information technology
27 objectives, policies, procedures, and standards to guide the
28 development of information systems within state government to
29 achieve maximum economy and quality while preserving optimum
30 user flexibility, including:

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1 1. Policies, standards, and procedures for appropriate
2 interchange of information, optimum service, and minimum cost.

3 2. Policies for costing all information technology
4 services.

5 3. Policies governing coordination, cooperation, joint
6 efforts, working relationships, and cost accounting relative
7 to the development and maintenance of information technology
8 systems.

9 4. Policies to ensure the protection of individual
10 privacy and guarantee the exclusive control to a user of its
11 own data.

12 (b) Coordinate the preparation of agency information
13 technology plans within state government, encompassing both
14 short-term and long-term needs that support the agency's and
15 the state's strategic plans.

16 (c) Require each state agency to submit semiannually
17 an agency information technology plan containing the
18 information required by subsection (2) before the legislative
19 session in which the budget request will be heard and no later
20 than June 15 after the legislative session in which the budget
21 was authorized.

22 (d) Upon receipt of a state agency's information
23 technology plan:

24 1. Review and approve or disapprove agency information
25 technology plans to ensure that these plans are the most
26 economically viable and are the best solution to the agency's
27 needs.

28 2. Approve or disapprove of and coordinate the
29 acquisition of information technology equipment,
30 telecommunications equipment, and related services for all
31 agencies of state government.

- 1 (e) Facilitate the implementation of agency plans.
2 (f) Establish priorities in terms of both importance
3 and time sequencing for the development and implementation of
4 information systems.
5 (g) Monitor information systems development to promote
6 maximum use of existing state information resources.
7 (h) Advise the Governor on information technology
8 policy and make recommendations to the Governor regarding
9 requests for information technology equipment and personnel.
10 (i) Maintain liaison with the legislative and judicial
11 branches, the Board of Regents, the State Board of Education,
12 local government, Federal Government, business and industry,
13 and consumers to promote cooperation and make recommendations
14 regarding information resources.
15 (j) Conduct performance audits of state information
16 technology management, planning, and the use of information
17 technology resources and distribute copies of the audit
18 reports as provided in subsection (3).
19 (k) Prepare an annual report to the Governor and the
20 Legislature that:
21 1. Summarizes the state's current and projected use of
22 information technology.
23 2. Includes a description of major changes in state
24 policy and a brief description of each state agency's plan.
25 (1) As permitted by law, coordinate the efforts of
26 state government to provide services and transactions through
27 the Internet.
28 (2)(a) Each state agency information technology plan
29 shall include information about planned information technology
30 objectives and expenditures for the next year in the level of
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1 detail and format specified by the Department of Management
2 Services.

3 (b) The plans required by this subsection shall
4 include the progress of each state agency toward making the
5 agency's services available on the Internet.

6 (3) Upon completion of an audit report, the Department
7 of Management Services shall provide copies of all audit
8 reports to:

9 (a) The agency audited.

10 (b) The Governor.

11 (c) The chairs of the legislative appropriations
12 committees.

13 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

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15 HOUSE SUMMARY

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17 Directs the appropriate state agencies to allow
18 application for and renewal of professional and
19 occupational licenses, renewal of drivers' licenses,
20 application for hunting and fishing licenses, filings for
21 sales tax, court documents, and Uniform Commercial Code,
22 registrations for products, brands, motor vehicles,
23 corporations, and businesses and submission of an
24 application for unemployment, welfare, and health
25 benefits through the Internet by July 1, 2002. Directs
26 the state system of public education to make reasonable
27 progress toward making secure access by parents and
28 students to grades and progress reports, electronic mail
29 communications with teachers, parent-teacher
30 associations, and school administrators, access to school
31 calendars and schedules, and teaching resources available
through the Internet. Provides for the duties of the
Department of Management Services with respect to
information technology. See bill for details.