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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the State Technology Office;
providing intent; requiring a study and report
to the Legislature regarding the collection and
storage of certain information; providing an
effective date.

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

Section 1. (1) The Legislature finds that
technological advances have made it possible for state and
local governments to operate more efficiently and
economically. Increased use of computers by governments,
businesses, and individuals, the growth of the Internet, and
the likelihood of further technological advances will permit
even more coordination of services, greater sharing of
information, and additional opportunities to improve services.
The Legislature also recognizes that this state has a long
policy of open records that is ensured by the State
Constitution. The Legislature also recognizes that the
constitutional right of privacy provided under the State
Constitution cannot be construed to limit the public's right
of access to public records. As a result, the Legislature
finds that more consideration should be given to the types of
information that are collected, the purpose of collecting each
type of information, and whether it is necessary to collect
all the information that is currently being amassed by state
and local governmental entities.

(2) The State Technology Office shall conduct a survey
of executive state agencies, the State University System,
clerks of court, and local governmental entities regarding the

1 types of information they compile in databases or other
2 electronic formats, sell or share with third parties, and
3 provide online and shall make recommendations and submit a
4 written report to the Legislature by February 1, 2002.

5 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
6 law.

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9 SENATE SUMMARY

10 Requires the State Technology Office to conduct a study
11 and submit a report to the Legislature regarding the
12 types of information collected and stored electronically
by state agencies, the State University System, clerks of
court, and local government entities.

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