

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability;
and Senators Harrell and Farmer

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Division of State Technology;
3 amending s. 282.0041, F.S.; defining the term
4 "information technology portfolio rationalization";
5 amending s. 282.0051, F.S.; requiring the Department
6 of Management Services to administer the Data
7 Innovation Program through the division; creating s.
8 282.319, F.S.; establishing the Data Innovation
9 Program within the division; providing legislative
10 intent; specifying requirements for the division for
11 data governance across state agencies; requiring the
12 division to develop and conduct data interoperability
13 pilot programs with the Agency for Health Care
14 Administration, the Department of Health, and the
15 Department of Children and Families by a specified
16 date; specifying requirements for the pilot programs;
17 providing an effective date.

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

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21 Section 1. Present subsections (16) through (31) of section
22 282.0041, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (17)
23 through (32), respectively, and a new subsection (16) is added
24 to that section, to read:

25 282.0041 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:
26 (16) "Information technology portfolio rationalization"
27 means the streamlining of an existing application portfolio to
28 improve efficiency, reduce complexity, and lower the total cost
29 of ownership through processes including, but not limited to:

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- 30 (a) Software license optimization;
31 (b) Application retirement;
32 (c) Server optimization;
33 (d) Project rationalization;
34 (e) Data storage optimization;
35 (f) Retirement of aged and low-value applications;
36 (g) Elimination of redundancies; and
37 (h) Standardization of common technology platforms.

38 Section 2. Present subsections (17), (18), and (19) of
39 section 282.0051, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
40 subsections (18), (19), and (20), respectively, and a new
41 subsection (17) is added to that section, to read:

42 282.0051 Department of Management Services; powers, duties,
43 and functions.—The department shall have the following powers,
44 duties, and functions:

45 (17) Administer the Data Innovation Program established
46 under s. 282.319 through the Division of State Technology.

47 Section 3. Section 282.319, Florida Statutes, is created to
48 read:

49 282.319 Data Innovation Program.—

50 (1) PROGRAM ESTABLISHMENT AND INTENT.—The Data Innovation
51 Program is established within the Division of State Technology
52 of the department. The Legislature recognizes that the
53 department is responsible for ensuring that this state's data is
54 interoperable. By establishing the program, the Legislature
55 intends to:

56 (a) Ensure that all state agencies collaborate and
57 synthesize data securely through interoperability.

58 (b) Create software and information technology portfolio

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59 rationalization and procurement to achieve interoperability and
60 reduce the number of stand-alone applications that do not
61 communicate with each other.

62 (c) Minimize costs associated with data management areas.

63 (d) Ensure accurate procedures for regulation and
64 compliance activities.

65 (e) Increase transparency within data-related activities.

66 (f) Institute better training and educational practices for
67 the management of data assets.

68 (g) Increase the value of this state's data while providing
69 standardized data systems, data policies, and data procedures.

70 (h) Aid in the resolution of past and current data issues.

71 (i) Facilitate improved monitoring and tracking mechanisms
72 for data quality and other data-related activities.

73 (j) Increase overall state data standards, thereby
74 translating data into actionable information and workable
75 knowledge of this state's information technology system.

76 (k) Enable state agencies to transform their use of
77 technology to offer services in an effective, efficient, and
78 secure manner.

79 (l) Improve the health of all persons in this state.

80 (2) DATA GOVERNANCE.—The Division of State Technology
81 shall:

82 (a) Identify all data elements within state agencies and
83 publish a comprehensive data catalog.

84 (b) Develop common data definitions across state agencies
85 and publish a data dictionary. Where data definitions are
86 limited to agency functionality, the data dictionary must define
87 each data element, depending on each state agency's need.

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88 (c) By June 30, 2021, inventory all existing interagency
89 data-sharing agreements, identify areas of data-sharing needs
90 which are not currently addressed, and execute a new interagency
91 agreement.

92 (d) Inform state agencies of the data types they collect
93 and report publicly or to the Federal Government, to identify
94 where interagency data sharing can create staff and technology
95 efficiencies.

96 (3) DATA INTEROPERABILITY.—The Division of State Technology
97 shall develop three proof-of-concept pilot programs in
98 conjunction with the Agency for Health Care Administration, the
99 Department of Health, and the Department of Children and
100 Families. The pilot programs must be conducted by December 31,
101 2021, and:

102 (a) Respect policy differences in data use among the state
103 agencies and require robust consent and security functionality,
104 especially related to personal information.

105 (b) Enable the use of information in elemental data form
106 rather than through document-based methods.

107 (c) Select solutions with integrated database technology
108 which natively enable analytics at the interagency and
109 intraagency level.

110 (d) Use technology that supports the spectrum of modern
111 software development technologies, including, but not limited
112 to, application programming interfaces, web services, and
113 representational state transfer.

114 (e) Demonstrate interoperability across diverse data types
115 and enable information generation across state agencies with
116 different missions.

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117 (f) Be able to scale to perform at volumes to support all
118 types of state initiatives.

119 (g) Use technology with the latest standards and standards
120 development to facilitate vendor-agnostic interoperability.

121 (h) Use solutions that preserve the existing investments in
122 technology among state agencies while achieving interoperability
123 on a broader scale and enabling future technical paradigms.

124 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.