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	LEGISLATIVE ACTION	
Senate	•	House
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The Committee on Appro	opriations (Harrell) r	ecommended the
following:		
Senate Amendment	(with title amendment	)
Delete lines 253	7 - 2901	
and insert:		
6. State chief c	of information technolo	ogy workforce
development.		
(2) BUREAUS		
(a) The Divisior	n of Enterprise Informa	ation Technology
Services shall include	e:	
1. The Bureau of	f Enterprise Informatio	on Technology

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11	Operations, responsible for assessing state agency information
12	technology needs and risks as established under s. 282.006,
13	Florida Statutes.
14	2. The Bureau of Enterprise Information Technology Quality
15	Assurance, responsible for activities established under s.
16	282.006, Florida Statutes.
17	3. The Bureau of Enterprise Information Technology Project
18	Management, responsible for project management oversight and
19	activities established under s. 282.006, Florida Statutes.
20	4. The Bureau of Enterprise Information Technology Contract
21	Management, responsible for contract management oversight and
22	activities established under s. 282.006, Florida Statutes.
23	(b) The Division of Enterprise Information Technology
24	Purchasing shall include:
25	1. The Bureau of Enterprise Information Technology
26	Procurement Services, responsible for procurement activities
27	established under s. 282.006, Florida Statutes.
28	2. The Bureau of Enterprise Information Technology
29	Procurement Policy and Oversight, responsible for activities
30	established under s. 282.006, Florida Statutes.
31	(3) WORKGROUP
32	(a) The chief information officer policy workgroup shall be
33	composed of all state agency chief information officers.
34	(b) The purpose of the workgroup is to provide the
35	Legislature with input and feedback regarding the structure,
36	budget, and governance of the Agency for State Systems and
37	Enterprise Technology.
38	(c) The chair of the workgroup shall be the interim state
39	chief information officer.

40	(d) The voting members of the workgroup shall include the
41	chair of the workgroup and the chief information officers from
42	the Department of Financial Services, the Department of
43	Agriculture and Consumer Services, and the Department of Legal
44	Affairs.
45	(e) The chair of the workgroup shall submit a report to the
46	Governor, the Commissioner of Agriculture, the Chief Financial
47	Officer, the Attorney General, the President of the Senate, and
48	the Speaker of the House of Representatives which includes
49	recommendations and justifications for changes by December 1,
50	2025. The final report must be voted on and accepted by a
51	unanimous vote of the voting members of the workgroup.
52	(f) The workgroup shall expire after submission of the
53	report required in paragraph (e).
54	Section 24. Section 282.201, Florida Statutes, is amended
55	to read:
56	282.201 State data centerThe state data center is
57	established within the Northwest Regional Data Center pursuant
58	to s. 282.0211 and shall meet or exceed the information
59	technology standards specified in ss. 282.006 and 282.318 the
60	department. The provision of data center services must comply
61	with applicable state and federal laws, regulations, and
62	policies, including all applicable security, privacy, and
63	auditing requirements. The department shall appoint a director
64	of the state data center who has experience in leading data
65	center facilities and has expertise in cloud-computing
66	management.
67	(1) STATE DATA CENTER DUTIES. The state data center shall:
68	(a) Offer, develop, and support the services and



69	applications defined in service-level agreements executed with
70	its customer entities.
71	(b) Maintain performance of the state data center by
72	ensuring proper data backup; data backup recovery; disaster
73	recovery; and appropriate security, power, cooling, fire
74	suppression, and capacity.
75	(c) Develop and implement business continuity and disaster
76	recovery plans, and annually conduct a live exercise of each
77	<del>plan.</del>
78	(d) Enter into a service-level agreement with each customer
79	entity to provide the required type and level of service or
80	services. If a customer entity fails to execute an agreement
81	within 60 days after commencement of a service, the state data
82	center may cease service. A service-level agreement may not have
83	a term exceeding 3 years and at a minimum must:
84	1. Identify the parties and their roles, duties, and
85	responsibilities under the agreement.
86	2. State the duration of the contract term and specify the
87	conditions for renewal.
88	3. Identify the scope of work.
89	4. Identify the products or services to be delivered with
90	sufficient specificity to permit an external financial or
91	performance audit.
92	5. Establish the services to be provided, the business
93	standards that must be met for each service, the cost of each
94	service by agency application, and the metrics and processes by
95	which the business standards for each service are to be
96	objectively measured and reported.
97	6. Provide a timely billing methodology to recover the

98	costs of services provided to the customer entity pursuant to s.
99	215.422.
100	7. Provide a procedure for modifying the service-level
101	agreement based on changes in the type, level, and cost of a
102	service.
103	8. Include a right-to-audit clause to ensure that the
104	parties to the agreement have access to records for audit
105	purposes during the term of the service-level agreement.
106	9. Provide that a service-level agreement may be terminated
107	by either party for cause only after giving the other party and
108	the department notice in writing of the cause for termination
109	and an opportunity for the other party to resolve the identified
110	cause within a reasonable period.
111	10. Provide for mediation of disputes by the Division of
112	Administrative Hearings pursuant to s. 120.573.
113	(e) For purposes of chapter 273, be the custodian of
114	resources and equipment located in and operated, supported, and
115	managed by the state data center.
116	(f) Assume administrative access rights to resources and
117	equipment, including servers, network components, and other
118	devices, consolidated into the state data center.
119	1. Upon consolidation, a state agency shall relinquish
120	administrative rights to consolidated resources and equipment.
121	State agencies required to comply with federal and state
122	criminal justice information security rules and policies shall
123	retain administrative access rights sufficient to comply with
124	the management control provisions of those rules and policies;
125	however, the state data center shall have the appropriate type
126	or level of rights to allow the center to comply with its duties
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127 pursuant to this section. The Department of Law Enforcement 128 shall serve as the arbiter of disputes pertaining to the 129 appropriate type and level of administrative access rights 130 pertaining to the provision of management control in accordance 131 with the federal criminal justice information guidelines.

2. The state data center shall provide customer entities with access to applications, servers, network components, and other devices necessary for entities to perform business activities and functions, and as defined and documented in a service-level agreement.

(g) In its procurement process, show preference for cloudcomputing solutions that minimize or do not require the purchasing, financing, or leasing of state data center infrastructure, and that meet the needs of customer agencies, that reduce costs, and that meet or exceed the applicable state and federal laws, regulations, and standards for cybersecurity.

(h) Assist customer entities in transitioning from state data center services to the Northwest Regional Data Center or other third-party cloud-computing services procured by a customer entity or by the Northwest Regional Data Center on behalf of a customer entity.

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(1) (2) USE OF THE STATE DATA CENTER.-

149 (a) The following are exempt from the use of the state data 150 center: the Department of Law Enforcement, the Department of the 151 Lottery's Gaming System, Systems Design and Development in the 152 Office of Policy and Budget, the regional traffic management 153 centers as described in s. 335.14(2) and the Office of Toll 154 Operations of the Department of Transportation, the State Board 155 of Administration, state attorneys, public defenders, criminal

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156 conflict and civil regional counsel, capital collateral regional 157 counsel, and the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, and the 158 Division of Emergency Management within the Executive Office of 159 the Governor. 160 (b) The Division of Emergency Management is exempt from the 161 use of the state data center. This paragraph expires July 1,  $\frac{2025}{2000}$ 162 163 (2) (3) AGENCY LIMITATIONS.-Unless exempt from the use of the state data center pursuant to this section or authorized by 164 165 the Legislature, a state agency may not: 166 (a) Create a new agency computing facility or data center, 167 or expand the capability to support additional computer 168 equipment in an existing agency computing facility or data 169 center; or 170 (b) Terminate services with the state data center without 171 giving written notice of intent to terminate services 180 days 172 before such termination. (4) DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITIES.—The department shall 173 174 provide operational management and oversight of the state data 175 center, which includes: 176 (a) Implementing industry standards and best practices for the state data center's facilities, operations, maintenance, 177 178 planning, and management processes. 179 (b) Developing and implementing cost-recovery mechanisms 180 that recover the full direct and indirect cost of services 181 through charges to applicable customer entities. Such cost-182 recovery mechanisms must comply with applicable state and 183 federal regulations concerning distribution and use of funds and 184 must ensure that, for any fiscal year, no service or customer

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185	entity subsidizes another service or customer entity. The
186	department may recommend other payment mechanisms to the
187	Executive Office of the Governor, the President of the Senate,
188	and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Such mechanisms
189	may be implemented only if specifically authorized by the
190	Legislature.
191	(c) Developing and implementing appropriate operating
192	guidelines and procedures necessary for the state data center to
193	perform its duties pursuant to subsection (1). The guidelines
194	and procedures must comply with applicable state and federal
195	laws, regulations, and policies and conform to generally
196	accepted governmental accounting and auditing standards. The
197	guidelines and procedures must include, but need not be limited
198	to:
199	1. Implementing a consolidated administrative support
200	structure responsible for providing financial management,
201	procurement, transactions involving real or personal property,
202	human resources, and operational support.
203	2. Implementing an annual reconciliation process to ensure
204	that each customer entity is paying for the full direct and
205	indirect cost of each service as determined by the customer
206	entity's use of each service.
207	3. Providing rebates that may be credited against future
208	billings to customer entities when revenues exceed costs.
209	4. Requiring customer entities to validate that sufficient
210	funds exist before implementation of a customer entity's request
211	for a change in the type or level of service provided, if such
212	change results in a net increase to the customer entity's cost
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214	5. By November 15 of each year, providing to the Office of
215	Policy and Budget in the Executive Office of the Governor and to
216	the chairs of the legislative appropriations committees the
217	projected costs of providing data center services for the
218	following fiscal year.
219	6. Providing a plan for consideration by the Legislative
220	Budget Commission if the cost of a service is increased for a
221	reason other than a customer entity's request made pursuant to
222	subparagraph 4. Such a plan is required only if the service cost
223	increase results in a net increase to a customer entity for that
224	fiscal year.
225	7. Standardizing and consolidating procurement and
226	contracting practices.
227	(d) In collaboration with the Department of Law Enforcement
228	and the Florida Digital Service, developing and implementing a
229	process for detecting, reporting, and responding to
230	cybersecurity incidents, breaches, and threats.
231	(c) Adopting rules relating to the operation of the state
232	data center, including, but not limited to, budgeting and
233	accounting procedures, cost-recovery methodologies, and
234	operating procedures.
235	(5) NORTHWEST REGIONAL DATA CENTER CONTRACTIn order for
236	the department to carry out its duties and responsibilities
237	relating to the state data center, the secretary of the
238	department shall contract by July 1, 2022, with the Northwest
239	Regional Data Center pursuant to s. 287.057(11). The contract
240	shall provide that the Northwest Regional Data Center will
241	manage the operations of the state data center and provide data
242	center services to state agencies.

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243	(a) The department shall provide contract oversight,
244	including, but not limited to, reviewing invoices provided by
245	the Northwest Regional Data Center for services provided to
246	state agency customers.
247	(b) The department shall approve or request updates to
248	invoices within 10 business days after receipt. If the
249	department does not respond to the Northwest Regional Data
250	Center, the invoice will be approved by default. The Northwest
251	Regional Data Center must submit approved invoices directly to
252	state agency customers.
253	Section 25. Section 282.0211, Florida Statutes, is created
254	to read:
255	282.0211 Northwest Regional Data Center
256	(1) For the purpose of providing data center services to
257	its state agency customers, the Northwest Regional Data Center
258	is designated as the state data center for all state agencies
259	and shall:
260	(a) Operate under a governance structure that represents
261	its customers proportionally.
262	(b) Maintain an appropriate cost-allocation methodology
263	that accurately bills state agency customers based solely on the
264	actual direct and indirect costs of the services provided to
265	state agency customers and ensures that, for any fiscal year,
266	state agency customers are not subsidizing other customers of
267	the data center. Such cost-allocation methodology must comply
268	with applicable state and federal regulations concerning the
269	distribution and use of state and federal funds.
270	(c) Enter into a service-level agreement with each state
271	agency customer to provide services as defined and approved by

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the governing board of the center. At a minimum, such service-
level agreements must:
1. Identify the parties and their roles, duties, and
responsibilities under the agreement;
2. State the duration of the agreement term, which may not
exceed 3 years, and specify the conditions for up to two
optional 1-year renewals of the agreement before execution of a
new agreement;
3. Identify the scope of work;
4. Establish the services to be provided, the business
standards that must be met for each service, the cost of each
service, and the process by which the business standards for
each service are to be objectively measured and reported;
5. Provide a timely billing methodology for recovering the
cost of services provided pursuant to s. 215.422;
6. Provide a procedure for modifying the service-level
agreement to address any changes in projected costs of service;
7. Include a right-to-audit clause to ensure that the
parties to the agreement have access to records for audit
purposes during the term of the service-level agreement;
8. Identify the products or services to be delivered with
sufficient specificity to permit an external financial or
performance audit;
9. Provide that the service-level agreement may be
terminated by either party for cause only after giving the other
party notice in writing of the cause for termination and an
opportunity for the other party to resolve the identified cause
within a reasonable period; and
10. Provide state agency customer entities with access to

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301	applications, servers, network components, and other devices
302	necessary for entities to perform business activities and
303	functions and as defined and documented in a service-level
304	agreement.
305	(d) In its procurement process, show preference for cloud-
306	computing solutions that minimize or do not require the
307	purchasing or financing of state data center infrastructure,
308	that meet the needs of state agency customer entities, that
309	reduce costs, and that meet or exceed the applicable state and
310	federal laws, regulations, and standards for cybersecurity.
311	(e) Assist state agency customer entities in transitioning
312	from state data center services to other third-party cloud-
313	computing services procured by a customer entity or by the
314	Northwest Regional Data Center on behalf of the customer entity.
315	(f) Provide to the Board of Governors the total annual
316	budget by major expenditure category, including, but not limited
317	to, salaries, expenses, operating capital outlay, contracted
318	services, or other personnel services, by July 30 each fiscal
319	year.
320	(g) Provide to each state agency customer its projected
321	annual cost for providing the agreed-upon data center services
322	by September 1 each fiscal year.
323	(h) By November 15 of each year, provide to the Office of
324	Policy and Budget in the Executive Office of the Governor and to
325	the chairs of the legislative appropriations committees the
326	projected costs of providing data center services for the
327	following fiscal year.
328	(i) Provide a plan for consideration by the Legislative
329	Budget Commission if the governing body of the center approves
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the use of a billing rate schedule after the start of the fiscal
year that increases any state agency customer's costs for that
fiscal year.
(j) Provide data center services that comply with
applicable state and federal laws, regulations, and policies,
including all applicable security, privacy, and auditing
requirements.
(k) Maintain performance of the data center facilities by
ensuring proper data backup; data backup recovery; disaster
recovery; and appropriate security, power, cooling, fire
suppression, and capacity.
(1) Submit invoices to state agency customers.
(m) As funded in the General Appropriations Act, provide
data center services to state agencies from multiple facilities.
(2) Unless exempt from the requirement to use the state
data center pursuant to s. 282.201(1) or as authorized by the
Legislature, a state agency may not do any of the following:
(a) Terminate services with the Northwest Regional Data
Center without giving written notice of intent to terminate
services 180 days before such termination.
(b) Procure third-party cloud-computing services without
evaluating the cloud-computing services provided by the
Northwest Regional Data Center.
(c) Exceed 30 days from receipt of approved invoices to
remit payment for state data center services provided by the
Northwest Regional Data Center.
(3) The Northwest Regional Data Center's authority to
provide data center services to its state agency customers may
be terminated if:

359	(a) The center requests such termination to the Board of
360	Governors, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
361	House of Representatives; or
362	(b) The center fails to comply with the provisions of this
363	section.
364	(4) If such authority is terminated, the center has 1 year
365	to provide for the transition of its state agency customers to a
366	qualified alternative cloud-based data center that meets the
367	enterprise architecture standards established pursuant to this
368	chapter.
369	Section 26. Section 1004.649, Florida Statutes, is amended
370	to read:
371	1004.649 Northwest Regional Data Center.— <u>There is created</u>
372	at Florida State University the Northwest Regional Data Center.
373	The data center shall serve as the state data center as
374	designated in s. 282.201
375	(1) For the purpose of providing data center services to
376	its state agency customers, the Northwest Regional Data Center
377	is designated as a state data center for all state agencies and
378	shall:
379	(a) Operate under a governance structure that represents
380	its customers proportionally.
381	(b) Maintain an appropriate cost-allocation methodology
382	that accurately bills state agency customers based solely on the
383	actual direct and indirect costs of the services provided to
384	state agency customers and ensures that, for any fiscal year,
385	state agency customers are not subsidizing other customers of
386	the data center. Such cost-allocation methodology must comply
387	with applicable state and federal regulations concerning the

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388	distribution and use of state and federal funds.
389	(c) Enter into a service-level agreement with each state
390	agency customer to provide services as defined and approved by
391	the governing board of the center. At a minimum, such service-
392	level agreements must:
393	1. Identify the parties and their roles, duties, and
394	responsibilities under the agreement;
395	2. State the duration of the agreement term, which may not
396	exceed 3 years, and specify the conditions for up to two
397	optional 1-year renewals of the agreement before execution of a
398	new_agreement;
399	3. Identify the scope of work;
400	4. Establish the services to be provided, the business
401	standards that must be met for each service, the cost of each
402	service, and the process by which the business standards for
403	each service are to be objectively measured and reported;
404	5. Provide a timely billing methodology for recovering the
405	cost of services provided pursuant to s. 215.422;
406	6. Provide a procedure for modifying the service-level
407	agreement to address any changes in projected costs of service;
408	7. Include a right-to-audit clause to ensure that the
409	parties to the agreement have access to records for audit
410	purposes during the term of the service-level agreement;
411	8. Identify the products or services to be delivered with
412	sufficient specificity to permit an external financial or
413	performance audit;
414	9. Provide that the service-level agreement may be
415	terminated by either party for cause only after giving the other
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417	opportunity for the other party to resolve the identified cause
418	within a reasonable period; and
419	10. Provide state agency customer entities with access to
420	applications, servers, network components, and other devices
421	necessary for entities to perform business activities and
422	functions and as defined and documented in a service-level
423	agreement.
424	(d) In its procurement process, show preference for cloud-
425	computing solutions that minimize or do not require the
426	purchasing or financing of state data center infrastructure,
427	that meet the needs of state agency customer entities, that
428	reduce costs, and that meet or exceed the applicable state and
429	federal laws, regulations, and standards for cybersecurity.
430	(c) Assist state agency customer entities in transitioning
431	from state data center services to other third-party cloud-
432	computing services procured by a customer entity or by the
433	Northwest Regional Data Center on behalf of the customer entity.
434	(f) Provide to the Board of Governors the total annual
435	budget by major expenditure category, including, but not limited
436	to, salaries, expenses, operating capital outlay, contracted
437	services, or other personnel services by July 30 each fiscal
438	<del>year.</del>
439	(g) Provide to each state agency customer its projected
440	annual cost for providing the agreed-upon data center services
441	by September 1 each fiscal year.
442	(h) Provide a plan for consideration by the Legislative
443	Budget Commission if the governing body of the center approves
444	the use of a billing rate schedule after the start of the fiscal
445	year that increases any state agency customer's costs for that
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446	fiscal year.
447	(i) Provide data center services that comply with
448	applicable state and federal laws, regulations, and policies,
449	including all applicable security, privacy, and auditing
450	requirements.
451	(j) Maintain performance of the data center facilities by
452	ensuring proper data backup; data backup recovery; disaster
453	recovery; and appropriate security, power, cooling, fire
454	suppression, and capacity.
455	(k) Prepare and submit state agency customer invoices to
456	the Department of Management Services for approval. Upon
457	approval or by default pursuant to s. 282.201(5), submit
458	invoices to state agency customers.
459	(1) As funded in the General Appropriations Act, provide
460	data center services to state agencies from multiple facilities.
461	(2) Unless exempt from the requirement to use the state
462	data center pursuant to s. 282.201(2) or as authorized by the
463	Legislature, a state agency may not do any of the following:
464	(a) Terminate services with the Northwest Regional Data
465	Center without giving written notice of intent to terminate
466	services 180 days before such termination.
467	(b) Procure third-party cloud-computing services without
468	evaluating the cloud-computing services provided by the
469	Northwest Regional Data Center.
470	(c) Exceed 30 days from receipt of approved invoices to
471	remit payment for state data center services provided by the
472	Northwest Regional Data Center.
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474	provide data center services to its state agency customers may
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475	be terminated if:
476	(a) The center requests such termination to the Board of
477	Governors, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
478	House of Representatives; or
479	(b) The center fails to comply with the provisions of this
480	section.
481	(4) If such authority is terminated, the center has 1 year
482	to provide for the transition of its state agency customers to a
483	qualified alternative cloud-based data center that meets the
484	enterprise architecture standards established by the Florida
485	Digital Service.
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487	========== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =================================
488	And the title is amended as follows:
489	Delete lines 275 - 292
490	and insert:
491	duties; amending s. 282.201, F.S.; establishing the
492	state data center within the Northwest Regional Data
493	Center; requiring the Northwest Regional Data Center
494	to meet or exceed specified information technology
495	standards; revising requirements of the state data
496	center; abrogating the scheduled repeal of the
497	Division of Emergency Management's exemption from
498	using the state data center; deleting Department of
499	Management Services' responsibilities related to the
500	state data center; deleting provisions relating to
501	contracting with the Northwest Regional Data Center;
502	creating s. 282.0211, F.S.; designating the Northwest
503	Regional Data Center as a state data center for all



504 state agencies; requiring the data center to engage in 505 specified actions; prohibiting state agencies from 506 terminating services with the data center without 507 giving written notice within a specified timeframe, 508 procuring third-party cloud-computing services without 509 evaluating the data center's cloud-computing services, 510 and exceeding a specified timeframe to remit payments 511 for data center services provided by the data center; 512 specifying circumstances under which the data center's 513 designation may be terminated; providing that the data 514 center has a specified timeframe to provide for the 515 transition of state agency customers to a qualified 516 alternative cloud-based data center that meets 517 specified standards; amending s. 1004.649, F.S.; 518 creating the Northwest Regional Data Center at Florida 519 State University; conforming provisions to changes 520 made by the act;