

CHAPTER 78

GOVERNMENT - STATE

HOUSE BILL 24-1402

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also SENATOR(S) Bridges and Zenzinger, Kirkmeyer, Cutter, Michaelson Jenet, Priola.

AN ACT

CONCERNING AN EVALUATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION'S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES BY THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-37.5-124 as follows:

24-37.5-124. Evaluation of department of higher education information technology services - repeal. (1) **By NOVEMBER 1, 2024,** THE OFFICE SHALL EVALUATE THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSESSING POSSIBILITIES FOR A CONSOLIDATION OF EXISTING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES WITH THOSE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES MANAGED BY THE OFFICE. **AT A MINIMUM,** THIS EVALUATION MUST ASSESS THE BUSINESS FUNCTION, CRITICALITY, CAPACITIES, COMPLEXITY, TECHNICAL DEBT STATUS, RISK, AND INTEGRATION CAPABILITY IN RELATION TO THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES:

- (a) ASSET MANAGEMENT;
- (b) DATA;
- (c) DATABASE SERVICES;
- (d) END-USER SUPPORT SERVICES;
- (e) IDENTITY AND ACCESS;

Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.

- (f) NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNICATIONS;
- (g) SERVER AND STORAGE INFRASTRUCTURE;
- (h) APPLICATIONS AND PLATFORMS;
- (i) SECURITY SERVICES;
- (j) DISASTER RECOVERY; AND
- (k) SUPPORTED SITES.

(2) THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER MAY CONTRACT WITH ONE OR MORE THIRD PARTIES TO CONDUCT ALL OR PART OF THE EVALUATION REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION.

(3) IF THE EVALUATION REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION SHOWS THAT CONSOLIDATION WOULD BE BENEFICIAL, THE OFFICE SHALL CREATE A PROPOSED PLAN AND ACCOMPANYING BUDGET FOR CONSOLIDATING THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION WITH THOSE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES MANAGED BY THE OFFICE.

(4) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025.

SECTION 2. Appropriation. For the 2024-25 state fiscal year, \$280,000 is appropriated to the office of the governor for the office of information technology. This appropriation is from the general fund. To implement this act, the office may use this appropriation for enterprise solutions.

SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state institutions.

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