



## Information Technology

During the 2022 legislative session, the Colorado General Assembly considered several measures related to information technology (IT), including: privacy protections, IT-related state services; and Joint Technology Committee-sponsored bills.

### Privacy Protections

Under current law, it is forbidden for a person to publish the personal information of a “protected person” on the internet if the dissemination of the information poses an imminent and serious threat. [House Bill 22-1041](#) expands the definition of protected person, as well as requires the name and home address of a protected person be added to the list of personal information that a protected person’s written request for removal must include.

[Senate Bill 22-113](#) creates a legislative task force to study artificial intelligence and creates processes around the use of facial recognition services by state and local governments. The bill also contains provisions mandating accountability reports and guidelines for government entities that plan on using facial recognition technology.

### State Services

During the 2022 legislative session, the General Assembly passed several bills concerning state services involving IT. [House Bill 22-1053](#) requires the Commissioner of Agriculture develop an online educational program for

agricultural producers, centering on the benefits of blockchain technology in agriculture.

[House Bill 22-1385](#) authorizes the state to enter into financed purchases or certificates of participation agreements for the Colorado Operations Resource Engine upgrade project, as well as permits legislative committees to request updates on the project from the Department of Personnel and Administration and the Governor’s Office of Information Technology (OIT).

In an effort to bolster higher education participation in the state, [House Bill 22-1349](#) requires the Department of Higher Education (DHE) to develop measures of postsecondary student success, and an interactive data system for tracking and accessing the student success information.

[House Bill 22-1380](#) requires and funds the implementation of a new work management system to interface with the Colorado Benefits Management System and other systems. The bill also provides additional funding for other benefits system updates and creates a community food access program in the Department of Agriculture.

Addressing economic mobility for Coloradans, [Senate Bill 22-182](#) creates the economic mobility program within the Department of Public Health and Environment, creates the Economic Mobility Program Fund, and transfers

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\$4 million to the fund from the Economic Recovery and Relief Cash Fund. The bill also requires DHE to contract for and facilitate the use of an online platform to assist students in accessing public benefits.

### Joint Technology Committee

Members of the Joint Technology Committee sponsored several bills during the 2022 legislative session.

In 2021, the General Assembly created a process for the Broadband Deployment Board within OIT to award broadband stimulus grants using funds received as part of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. *House Bill 22-1306* updates the grant program requirements to align with finalized federal regulations.

*Senate Bill 22-191* updates the process for IT procurements by requiring OIT to initiate procurements on behalf of state agencies. The bill also makes the Technology Risk Prevention and Response Fund continuously appropriated to OIT and requires any unspent funds from IT capital improvements that were appropriated from the General Fund be transferred to the cash fund after each fiscal year, rather than revert back to the General Fund.

Under current law, OIT exercises the powers, duties, and functions related to coordinating public safety telecommunications within state government. *House Bill 22-1353* transfers these powers, duties, and functions to the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (division) within the Department of Public Safety (DPS). The bill transfers all employees, property, and policies of OIT related to public safety communications to the division, as well as creates the Public Safety Communications Revolving Fund, which is continuously appropriated to DPS.