

Subject MN.IT Technical and Miscellaneous Changes

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Overview

This bill enacts a number of technical and miscellaneous changes to the laws governing the state's IT services. Among them are a change in the legal name of Minnesota's IT agency: from "Office of MN.IT Services" to the "Department of Information Technology Services."

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Minnesota Department of Information Technology Services.</p> <p>Provides necessary statutory amendments to rename the "Office of MN.IT Services" to the "Department of Information Technology Services." This section also reorganizes and narrows the scope of the department's duties to focus primarily on providing services to executive branch state agencies. Among these changes is the elimination of a \$1 million threshold for requiring the involvement of MN.IT in a state agency's IT project.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Responsibility for information technology services and equipment.</p> <p>Provides conforming references to reflect the renaming and transition of MN.IT from an "office" to a "department."</p> |
| 3 | <p>Minnesota Department of Information Technology Services; structure and personnel.</p> <p>Provides conforming references to reflect the renaming and transition of MN.IT from an "office" to a "department."</p> <p>This section also eliminates an authorization for the chief information officer to appoint a webmaster responsible for supervision and development of state websites. State websites are generally managed by staff within individual executive branch agencies.</p> |

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	The section also requires the chief information officer to consult regularly with all executive branch agencies, rather than a select group of agencies, on various IT projects and services.
4	Definitions. Eliminates a definition of “information and telecommunications technology project” from the state law. The discretion to define a “project” is given to the chief information officer in a change made earlier in the bill.
5	Chief information officer’s responsibility. Eliminates references to political subdivisions in the section of law directing the duties of the state’s chief information officer. MN.IT does not have jurisdiction over the IT systems within political subdivisions.
6	Evaluation and approval. Authorizes the chief information officer to appoint a delegate to approve a proposed technology project. This section also eliminates language requiring the commissioner of management and budget to cancel certain unencumbered funds for a project that is not approved.
7	System development methods. Eliminates certain requirements related to the development of data processing systems and how those systems are defined.
8	Advisory council. Renames the existing “Technology Advisory Committee” as the “Technology Advisory Council” and adds nine new appointees to its membership, including representatives of the legislature and representatives with private or public sector IT experience, or experience in academia on IT issues. The restructuring of this council aligns with a recommendation of the Governor’s Blue Ribbon Council on IT Services.
9	Risk assessment and mitigation. Eliminates a requirement that no more than ten percent of a proposed budget for a project may be spent until a risk assessment and risk mitigation plan are in place.
10	Required review and approval. Restructures language regarding the method of encumbering appropriations for certain large IT projects.

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11	<p>Duties.</p> <p>Provides conforming references to reflect the renaming and transition of MN.IT from an “office” to a “department.” This section also eliminates an existing statutory duty of MN.IT to coordinate certain statewide efforts by state and local governments to develop a system for access to government services.</p>
12	<p>Private entity services; fee authority.</p> <p>Provides conforming references to reflect the renaming and transition of MN.IT from an “office” to a “department” and eliminates a reference to the obsolete E-Government Advisory Council.</p>
13	<p>Charges.</p> <p>Provides conforming references to reflect the renaming and transition of MN.IT from an “office” to a “department.”</p> <p>This section also recodifies existing language related to the authority of an agency to transfer certain unexpended operating balances to the information and telecommunications technology systems and services account for use toward specific IT projects.</p>
14	<p>Compliance with federal law.</p> <p>Eliminates a cross-reference to a section that is repealed in this bill.</p>
15	<p>Revisor instruction.</p> <p>Directs the revisor of statutes to update MN.IT’s official name, wherever it appears in Minnesota Statutes.</p>
16	<p>Repealer.</p> <p>Repeals a series of sections of statute that are obsolete, in conflict with changes made elsewhere in the bill, or no longer accurately reflect the operating structure of MN.IT.</p>



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