

Subject Department of Information Technology Services

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Overview

This bill provides a number of miscellaneous changes to the laws related to state information technology projects and the work of the Department of Information Technology Services.

Article 1: Discretionary Powers

Section	Description
1	<p>Discretionary powers.</p> <p>Provides as a discretionary authority for the Department of Information Technology Services, the ability to sponsor, support, and facilitate certain types of initiatives related to economic and community development and government services.</p>
2	<p>Duties.</p> <p>Provides a number of miscellaneous amendments to the duties of the Department of Information Technology, including related to an annual report to the legislature regarding the Department's comprehensive project and initiatives portfolio.</p>
3	<p>Chief information officer's responsibility.</p> <p>Amends duties of the state's chief information officer (CIO) related to oversight of the state's information and telecommunications technology systems and services.</p>
4	<p>Evaluation and approval.</p> <p>Modifies language related to the manner in which the CIO, or the CIO's designee, records approval of a proposed IT project.</p>
5	<p>Evaluation procedure.</p> <p>Modifies standards for evaluating proposed agency IT projects, focusing on a cost benefit analysis of the project or initiative.</p>

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6	Report to legislature. Amends an existing legislative report on IT projects, to require that the CIO report on IT projects that are specifically being proposed as part of the governor’s budget.
7	Cyber security systems. Provides miscellaneous updates to the duties of the CIO related to the state’s cybersecurity, including permitting the CIO or the state chief information security officer to advise and consult with state entities and political subdivisions that are not otherwise part of the Department’s scope of work.
8	Responsibilities. Amends certain responsibilities related to the state information architecture to be discretionary responsibilities of the department, rather than mandatory.
9	Risk assessment and mitigation. Increases the threshold for when a risk assessment and risk mitigation plan for a proposed IT project must be conducted by an entity outside of state government. The threshold is increased from \$5 million to \$10 million in expected project cost.
10	Online government information services. Establishes MN.gov as the state’s comprehensive online government information services system, replacing the prior “North Star” system. A number of miscellaneous and conforming changes, including changes that more narrowly focus its goals.
11	Repealer. Repeals a series of sections and subdivisions of statute that relate to various IT services, including a legislative report on IT projects that require collaboration between state agencies; a requirement that the CIO prepare an inventory of IT technology owned or leased by the department; that certain types of IT projects be approved in phases; and certain requirements related to electronic government services and the electronic conduct of state business.

Article 2: Conforming Change

Section	Description
1	Internet Grant Information. Eliminates a cross reference to a section of statute that is repealed by this bill.