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Overview

Proposes the "Redundant Technology Elimination Act". Under the act, the chief information officer in the Office of Enterprise Technology (OET) is responsible for providing or entering into managed service contracts for provision of specified information technology systems and services to state agencies. State employees whose work primarily involves these functions would be transferred to OET. Functions relating to the Geospatial Information Office are transferred to OET.

Article 1

Redundant Technology Elimination Act

- 1 Citation.** Provides that this act may be known as the Redundant Technology Elimination Act.

Article 2

Consolidation of Services

- 1 Responsibility for information technology services and equipment.** Provides that the chief information office (CIO) in the Office of Enterprise Technology (OET) is responsible for providing or entering into managed service contracts for the provision of specified information technology systems and services to state agencies. These systems and services include data centers, mainframes, servers, desktops and laptops, networks, e-mail and other office systems, and help desk and maintenance for all of these systems and services.

Provides that state employees whose work primarily involves functions specified in this section are OET employees. Authorizes the CIO to assign its employees to perform work exclusively for another executive agency.

Provides that the CIO must allow a state agency to obtain services from OET or through a contract with an outside vendor when the value of an outside vendor contract can be demonstrated by the state agency. Requires the CIO to ensure that outside vendor contracts ensure systems and services are compatible with OET standards.

[Under existing law "state agency" means all agencies in the executive branch, but does not include MnSCU.]

- 2** **Advisory Committee.** Creates a technology advisory committee to advise the CIO. The committee consists of six members appointed by the governor who are involved in business planning for state agencies and one member appointed by the governor to represent private business.
- 3** **Technology improvement account.** Establishes a technology improvement account in the enterprise technology fund. Provides the money in the account may be spent by the CIO or transferred to a state agency to fund projects in which the CIO has determined that savings generated by the project will exceed the cost of the project, and that agencies sponsoring the project have developed a plan to recoup project costs to the fund.
- 4** **Enterprise technology revolving fund.** Appropriates money from the general fund to the technology improvement account for consolidation of state agency information technology systems and services. Requires the CIO to use savings allocated to the technology improvement account to improve the effectiveness and value in information technology systems and services.
- Requires the CIO to report to specified legislative officials on savings estimated to be generated through fiscal year 2015, recommendations for allocation of these savings, and recommendations for how service level agreements between state agencies and OET could include financial incentives and penalties related to allocation of savings to the technology improvement account.
- 5** **Transfers.** Transfers to OET from other state agencies powers, duties and personnel relating to functions transferred to OET under this article. Provides that before this transfer, the CIO must enter into a service-level agreement with each state agency, specifying services to be provided and charges for those services, and recognizing that agencies may choose to obtain these services from an outside vendor.
- 6** **Study.** Requires the CIO to report to specified legislative officials on the feasibility and desirability of the office entering into service-level agreements with the State Lottery and the Statewide Radio Board.

Article 3

Conforming Changes

This article amends laws governing the Geospatial Information Office to reflect transfer of functions to the Office of Enterprise Technology.