

Subject MNIT policy
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Overview

This bill provides a number of miscellaneous changes and updates to the laws governing the operation of the Department of Information Technology Services (MNIT).

Summary

Section	Description
1	Responsibilities. Modifies the responsibilities of the Department of Information Technology Services (MNIT) to include a requirement that the department partner with executive branch state agencies in managing strategic investments in IT systems and services.
2	Deputy; appointments. Authorizes the commissioner of MNIT to appoint a deputy commissioner, assistant commissioners, and a confidential secretary. Each of these positions would serve at the pleasure of the commissioner in the unclassified service.
3	Duties. Provides a number of miscellaneous updates to the statutory duties of MNIT. Among them are a requirement that state agency IT project leaders conform to policies and standards of MNIT in demonstrating proper management of IT projects, and recodification of legislative reporting requirements related to state IT projects.
4	Responsibility for information technology services and equipment. Provides that the state's chief information officer is responsible for lifecycle management of IT systems and services, in addition to other responsibilities provided in current law related to improvement and development of these systems.

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5	Chief information officer’s responsibility. Updates terminology in the law designating certain duties of the state’s chief information officer.
6	Cash flow. Authorizes the commissioner of management and budget to provide cash flow assistance to MNIT for the purpose of managing revenue and expenditure differences. These differences are, in part, because of the billing calendar MNIT uses when providing services to state agencies. Any cash flow provided must be repaid with interest by the end of the closing period of the second year of the biennium in which it is provided.
7	Account established; appropriation. Authorizes the information and telecommunications technology systems and services account (commonly referred to as the “Odyssey Fund”) to be used to secure state systems or address project or product backlogs, in addition to uses authorized under existing law.
8	Charges. Updates language to reflect the expanded uses of the Odyssey Fund as permitted by this bill.
9	Repealer. Repeals a legislative reporting requirement related to state agency IT projects. The report is recodified in a different section of statute earlier in the bill.



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