
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 1169

AN ACT MAKING REVISIONS TO CERTAIN STATUTES CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES.

SUMMARY

This bill renames the Department of Administrative Services' (DAS) Division of Information Technology as the "Bureau of Information Technology Solutions," administered, as under current law, by the state's Chief Information Officer.

The bill also expands the scope of certain DAS responsibilities to apply more broadly to "technology" rather than only "telecommunication," as under current law. These responsibilities include:

1. purchasing, leasing, and contracting for facilities, equipment, and services for state-wide infrastructure to support state agencies;
2. implementing these facilities (generally, installing and operating them) or assisting state agencies in doing so;
3. processing bills for technology services (a) used by state agencies or (b) provided to nonprofit agencies with state-funded technology services and political subdivisions of the state (e.g., municipalities) at the request of a state agency; and
4. planning for infrastructure and assisting state agencies with planning to acquire and implement systems.

Additionally, the bill expands DAS's statutory duties to include providing information technology for state agencies. By law, DAS must already perform specified duties related to state agency procurement of

information and telecommunication systems, equipment, and services (see BACKGROUND).

The bill also eliminates a requirement that the DAS commissioner make recommendations to the Standardization Committee for review and appropriate action. By law, the committee must approve applications the DAS commissioner or chief information officer submit to waive competitive bid or proposal requirements for procurements estimated to cost at least \$50,000 in certain emergency situations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND

DAS Duties Related to Information and Telecommunication

Existing law generally requires DAS to (1) approve state agency acquisitions of hardware, software, or consultants for information and telecommunication systems and set guidelines for these procurements; (2) be responsible for purchasing, leasing, and contracting for information system and telecommunication system facilities, equipment, and services for state agencies, with certain exceptions; and (3) develop and annually update an information and telecommunication strategic plan and review existing and new information and telecommunication technologies to ensure consistency with the plan (CGS §§ 4d-2(b) & 4d-8).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/14/2023)