



# Senate

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Senate Bill No. 1169

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The Committee on Energy and Technology reported through SEN. NEEDLEMAN of the 33rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

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

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 4a-2 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3 *passage*):

4 (a) The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall have the  
5 following general duties and responsibilities:

6 (1) The establishment of personnel policy and responsibility for the  
7 personnel administration of state employees;

8 (2) The purchase and provision of supplies, materials, equipment and  
9 contractual services, as defined in section 4a-50;

10 (3) The publishing, printing or purchasing of laws, stationery, forms  
11 and reports;

12 (4) The collection of sums due the state for public assistance;

13       (5) The provision of information technology services for state  
14 agencies, as well as the purchase and contracting for information  
15 systems and telecommunication system facilities, equipment and  
16 services for state agencies, in accordance with chapter 61;

17       (6) The purchase, sale, lease, sublease and acquisition of property and  
18 space to house state agencies and the construction, maintenance and  
19 development of such property, in accordance with chapters 59 and 60;

20       (7) Subject to the provisions of section 4b-21, the sale or exchange of  
21 any land or interest in land belonging to the state;

22       (8) The supervision of the care and control of building and grounds  
23 owned or leased by the state in Hartford, except (A) the buildings and  
24 grounds of the State Capitol and the Legislative Office Building and  
25 parking garage and related structures and facilities and grounds, as  
26 provided in section 2-71h, (B) any property of the Connecticut  
27 Marketing Authority, and (C) property under the supervision of the  
28 Office of the Chief Court Administrator as provided in section 4b-11;  
29 and

30       (9) The establishing and maintaining of security standards for all  
31 facilities housing the offices and equipment of the state except (A)  
32 Department of Transportation mass transit, marine and aviation  
33 facilities, (B) the State Capitol and Legislative Office Building and  
34 related facilities, (C) facilities under the care and control of The  
35 University of Connecticut or other constituent units of the state system  
36 of higher education, (D) Judicial Department facilities, (E) Department  
37 of Emergency Services and Public Protection facilities, (F) Military  
38 Department facilities, (G) Department of Correction facilities, (H)  
39 Department of Children and Families client-occupied facilities, (I)  
40 facilities occupied by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney  
41 General, Comptroller, Secretary of the State and Treasurer, and (J)  
42 facilities occupied by the Board of Pardons and Paroles. As used in this  
43 subdivision, "security" has the same meaning as provided in section 4b-  
44 30.

45 Sec. 2. Section 4d-2 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
46 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

47 (a) There shall be a [Division] Bureau of Information Technology  
48 Solutions within the Department of Administrative Services. The  
49 Commissioner of Administrative Services shall appoint a Chief  
50 Information Officer to administer the [division] bureau, who shall be  
51 exempt from the classified service. The Chief Information Officer shall  
52 be an individual knowledgeable with respect to information and  
53 telecommunication systems.

54 (b) The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall: (1) Identify  
55 and implement (A) optimal information and telecommunication  
56 systems to efficiently service the needs of state agencies, and (B)  
57 opportunities for reducing costs for such systems; (2) approve or  
58 disapprove, in accordance with guidelines established by the  
59 commissioner, each proposed state agency acquisition of hardware or  
60 software for an information or telecommunication system, except for (A)  
61 hardware or software having a cost of less than twenty thousand  
62 dollars, or (B) hardware or software having a cost of twenty thousand  
63 dollars or more, but less than one hundred thousand dollars, which is  
64 for a project that complies with the agency's business systems plan; (3)  
65 approve or disapprove, in accordance with guidelines established by the  
66 commissioner, all state agency requests or proposed contracts for  
67 consultants for information and telecommunication systems; (4) be  
68 responsible for purchasing, leasing and contracting for all information  
69 system and telecommunication system facilities, equipment and  
70 services for state agencies, in accordance with the provisions of  
71 subsection (a) of section 4d-8, except for the offices of the Governor,  
72 Lieutenant Governor, Treasurer, Attorney General, Secretary of the  
73 State and Comptroller; (5) review existing and new information and  
74 telecommunication system technologies to ensure consistency with the  
75 strategic plan established under section 4d-7 and approved state agency  
76 architecture; [and make recommendations to the Standardization  
77 Committee established under section 4a-58 for review and appropriate  
78 action;] (6) cooperate with the General Assembly, the Judicial

79 Department and the constituent units of the state system of higher  
80 education in assessing opportunities for cost savings and greater  
81 sharing of information resources which could result if such entities  
82 acquire information and telecommunication systems similar to those of  
83 state agencies; and (7) ensure state-wide implementation of the 9-1-1  
84 and E 9-1-1 systems.

85 (c) The Department of Administrative Services shall approve or  
86 disapprove a state agency request or proposed contract under  
87 subdivision (2) or (3) of subsection (b) of this section no later than seven  
88 business days after receipt of the request or proposed contract and any  
89 necessary supporting information. If the Department of Administrative  
90 Services does not approve or disapprove the request or proposed  
91 contract by the end of such seven-day period, the request or proposed  
92 contract shall be deemed to have been approved. The provisions of  
93 subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of this section shall not apply to  
94 telecommunication consultants retained by the Public Utilities  
95 Regulatory Authority or the Office of Consumer Counsel in connection  
96 with telecommunication proceedings of said authority.

97 Sec. 3. Section 4d-5 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
98 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

99 (a) The commissioner shall be responsible for purchasing, leasing and  
100 contracting for all [telecommunication] technology facilities, equipment  
101 and services for the state-wide [telecommunication] technology  
102 infrastructure for the support of state agencies; implementing, or  
103 assisting state agencies in implementing, such facilities; processing bills  
104 for [telecommunication] technology services used by state agencies  
105 including [telecommunication] technology services provided at the  
106 request of state agencies to (1) private nonprofit or not-for-profit  
107 agencies whose [telecommunication] technology services are funded  
108 primarily by the state, and (2) political subdivisions of the state; and  
109 managing the operation of such infrastructure.

110 (b) The commissioner shall be responsible for planning for such  
111 [telecommunication] technology infrastructure and assisting state

112 agencies in (1) planning for the acquisition of [telecommunication]  
113 technology systems, and (2) implementing such systems.

114 Sec. 4. Section 29-1j of the general statutes is repealed and the  
115 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

116 (a) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection,  
117 in consultation with the Chief Information Officer of the [Division]  
118 Bureau of Information Technology Solutions within the Department of  
119 Administrative Services, shall establish a public safety data network in  
120 an electronic format that allows for the exchange of information among  
121 public safety and criminal justice entities.

122 (b) Prior to July 1, 2012, the Division of State-Wide Emergency  
123 Telecommunications shall create technical and operational standards  
124 for the establishment of the public safety data network.

125 (c) The commissioner shall ensure that implementation of the public  
126 safety data network complies with all state and federal requirements for  
127 controlled or limited access data.

128 (d) The commissioner may enter into memoranda of understanding  
129 with public safety or criminal justice agencies that are connecting to the  
130 public safety data network concerning the use of the network. Such  
131 memoranda may address cost-sharing related to such use.

132 (e) Sources of revenue that provide funding for existing networks  
133 may be used to fund the use of the public safety data network.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	4a-2(a)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	4d-2
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	4d-5
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	29-1j

**ET** Joint Favorable

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill makes several minor changes regarding the Department of Administrative Services that are conforming or technical in nature which do not result in any fiscal impact.

**The Out Years****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

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**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)