

1 S.129

2 Introduced by Senators Ashe, Flory, Kitchel, and Westman

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Taxation and finance; budget; appropriations; information

6 technology; General Assembly; creation of oversight committee

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the
8 Governor to submit a consolidated information technology funding plan and to
9 create a Special Committee on the Utilization of Information Technology in
10 Government.

11 An act relating to requiring the Governor to submit a consolidated
12 information technology funding plan and to create a Special Committee on
13 the Utilization of Information Technology in Government

14 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

15 Sec. 1. 32 V.S.A. § 315 is added to read:

16 § 315. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BUDGET REPORT

17 (a) The Governor shall submit to the General Assembly, on or before the
18 third Tuesday of every annual session, a consolidated information technology
19 requested funding plan. In the first year of the biennium, the plan shall relate
20 to the next two fiscal years. In the second year of the biennium, the plan shall
21 relate primarily to the next fiscal year but may request amendments to the

1 current year or to previous fiscal years or refer to requests for future fiscal
2 years.

3 (b) The funding plan shall include all information-technology-related
4 projects and costs, including:

5 (1) information-technology-related projects within each agency and
6 department of the Executive Branch;

7 (2) the operating budget of the Department of Information and
8 Innovation;

9 (3) information-technology-related projects and costs within any other
10 branch of State government with which the Department of Information and
11 Innovation or other Executive Branch information technology persons are
12 involved;

13 (4) the Department of Information and Innovation fee charged to each
14 branch, agency, and department and the services provided;

15 (5) for each new proposed project with an estimated total cost that
16 exceeds \$100,000.00:

17 (A) a description of the project;

18 (B) the justification for the scope of the project;

19 (C) a project budget that includes all costs, including operating costs
20 and personnel services;

1 (D) a project time line and development schedule, including all
2 phases or stages of the project;

3 (E) a statement of the number of fiscal years for which development
4 costs are anticipated;

5 (F) a detailed list of all funding sources and amounts;

6 (G) an explanation of project management;

7 (H) a description of project requirements and specifications;

8 (I) an explanation of necessary hardware;

9 (J) a explanation of any projected cost savings, including
10 personnel-services-related savings, that will result from the project; and

11 (K) an explanation of ongoing costs once the project has been
12 completed, including operating costs, maintenance, and personnel services, for
13 the remainder of the period of time that the information technology will be
14 operational;

15 (6) for each ongoing project with an estimated total cost that exceeds
16 \$100,000.00:

17 (A) a budget that includes all costs, including operating costs and
18 personnel services;

19 (B) a statement whether the project is within the prior fiscal year's
20 budget, over-budget, or under-budget, and an explanation of the reasons;

1 (C) a statement whether the prior fiscal year’s estimate of ongoing
2 costs for the remainder of the period of time that the information technology
3 will be operational is accurate and an explanation of the reasons;

4 (D) a statement whether the project will be completed on schedule
5 and an explanation of the reasons; and

6 (E) a statement whether any of the information provided pursuant to
7 subdivision (5) of this subsection (b) has changed or is no longer accurate and
8 an explanation of the reasons.

9 Sec. 2. 32 V.S.A. § 701b is added to read:

10 § 701b. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BUDGET BILL

11 When the consolidated information technology funding plan has been
12 submitted by the Governor to the General Assembly pursuant to section 315 of
13 this title, it shall immediately be referred to the House Committee on
14 Appropriations. As soon as possible, the Committee shall prepare a bill to be
15 known as the “information technology funding bill,” which shall be introduced
16 for action by the General Assembly.

17 Sec. 3. SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE UTILIZATION OF

18 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN GOVERNMENT

19 (a) Creation. There is created a Special Committee on the Utilization of
20 Information Technology in Government (the Committee).

1 (b) Membership. The Committee shall be composed of three members,
2 each of whom shall have experience managing large organizations with
3 complex information technology needs:

4 (1) one person who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House;

5 (2) one person who shall be appointed by the Committee on
6 Committees; and

7 (3) one person who shall be appointed jointly by the Committee on
8 Committees and the Speaker of the House.

9 (c) Powers and duties. The Committee shall evaluate the State of
10 Vermont's current deployment, management, and oversight of information
11 technology in the furtherance of State governmental activities, and shall make
12 recommendations regarding how to carry out these activities more efficiently
13 and effectively.

14 (d) Report. On or before January 15, 2016, the Committee shall submit a
15 written report with its recommendations to the House Committees on
16 Appropriations, on Government Operations, and on Corrections and
17 Institutions, and the Senate Committees on Appropriations, on Government
18 Operations, and on Institutions.

1 (e) Meetings.

2 (1) The person appointed by the Committee on Committees shall call the
3 first meeting of the Committee. The Committee shall select a chair from
4 among its members at the first meeting.

5 (2) The Committee shall meet no more than six times and shall cease to
6 exist on January 16, 2016.

7 (f) Reimbursement. Committee members who are not employees of the
8 State of Vermont and who are not otherwise compensated or reimbursed for
9 their attendance shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement
10 of expenses pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1010 for no more than six meetings.

11 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

12 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.