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HOUSE BILL 172*

Short Title: Legis. Info. Technology Oversight.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Bowman and Fussell.

Referred to: State Government.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO CREATE THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION
3 TECHNOLOGY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. Chapter 120 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
6 Article to read:

7 **"ARTICLE 12L.**
8 **"JOINT LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OVERSIGHT**
9 **COMMITTEE.**

10 **"§ 120-70.90. Creation and membership of Joint Legislative Information**
11 **Technology Committee.**

12 The Joint Legislative Information Technology Committee is established. The
13 Committee consists of six members as follows:

14 (1) Three members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore
15 of the Senate, at least one of whom is a member of the minority party;
16 and

17 (2) Three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the
18 Speaker of the House of Representatives, at least one of whom is a
19 member of the minority party.

20 Terms on the Committee are for two years and begin on the convening of the
21 General Assembly in each odd-numbered year, except the terms of the initial members,
22 which begin on appointment and end on the day of the convening of the 1995 General
23 Assembly. Members may complete a term of service on the Committee even if they do
24 not seek reelection or are not reelected to the General Assembly, but resignation or

1 removal from service in the General Assembly constitutes resignation or removal from
2 service on the Committee.

3 A member continues to serve until his successor is appointed. A vacancy shall be
4 filled within 30 days by the officer who made the original appointment.

5 **"§ 120-70.91. Purpose and powers of Committee.**

6 (a) The Joint Legislative Information Technology Oversight Committee shall
7 examine, on a continuing basis, the organization, management, operation, staffing,
8 funding, and effectiveness of information technology in North Carolina State
9 government, in order to make ongoing recommendations on these matters to the General
10 Assembly. In this examination, the Committee shall:

- 11 (1) Examine the operations and decisions of the Information Resource
12 Management Commission;
- 13 (2) Study the efforts made by State agencies to comply with the
14 recommendations of the Government Performance Audit Committee;
- 15 (3) Examine the organization, management, operation, staffing, funding,
16 and effectiveness of information technology initiatives in State
17 agencies;
- 18 (4) Examine the organization, management, operation, staffing, funding,
19 and effectiveness of the State Information Processing Services in the
20 Office of State Controller;
- 21 (5) Examine the operation and effectiveness of information technology
22 and telecommunications procurement activities of State agencies,
23 including the information technology purchasing activities and
24 operations of the Department of Administration Division of Purchase
25 and Contract; and
- 26 (6) Examine other such matters pertaining to information technology and
27 telecommunications that might be referred to the Committee by the
28 General Assembly or that might be deemed appropriate for
29 examination by members of the Committee.

30 (b) The Committee may make interim reports to the General Assembly on
31 matters for which it may report to a regular session of the General Assembly. A report
32 to the General Assembly may contain any legislation needed to implement a
33 recommendation of the Committee.

34 **"§ 120-70.92. Organization of Committee.**

35 (a) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
36 Representatives shall each designate a cochair of the Joint Legislative Information
37 Technology Committee. The Committee shall meet at least once a quarter and may
38 meet at other times upon the joint call of the cochairs.

39 (b) A quorum of the Committee is four members. No action may be taken except
40 by a majority vote at a meeting at which a quorum is present. While in the discharge of
41 its official duties, the Committee has the powers of a joint committee under G.S. 120-19
42 and G.S. 120-19.1 through G.S. 120-19.4.

43 (c) Members of the Committee receive subsistence and travel expenses as
44 provided in G.S. 120-3.1. The Committee may contract for consultants or hire

1 employees in accordance with G.S. 120-32.02. The Legislative Services Commission,
2 through the Legislative Administrative Officer, shall assign professional staff to assist
3 the Committee in its work. Upon the direction of the Legislative Services Commission,
4 the Supervisors of Clerks of the Senate and of the House of Representatives shall assign
5 clerical staff to the Committee. The expenses for clerical employees shall be borne by
6 the Committee."

7 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.