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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, the Office of Information Technology was created to streamline information technology and provide for the delivery of information technology services for state government offices.

This bill would expand the services of the office to include cybersecurity and would also create a technology quality assurance board.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to the powers and duties of the Secretary of Information Technology; to amend Section 41-28-4, Code of Alabama 1975, to authorize the secretary to adopt rules providing for cybersecurity governance for state agencies; and to authorize the secretary, in consultation with the Governor, to adopt rules providing for the creation, operation, and oversight of a technology quality assurance board.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 41-28-4 of the Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§41-28-4



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29 The secretary shall have all of the following powers
30 and duties:

31 (1) Develop a comprehensive four-year strategic plan
32 for the state's information technology to include acquisition,
33 management, and use of information technology by state
34 agencies. The plan shall be developed in conjunction with the
35 planning and budgeting processes for state agencies and may
36 include review of state agencies' information technology
37 plans, capital budgets, and operating budgets as appropriate
38 to accomplish the goals of reducing redundant expenditures and
39 maximizing the return on information technology investments.
40 The plan shall be updated annually and submitted to the
41 Governor and shall be presented during a public meeting to the
42 Permanent Legislative Oversight Committee on Information
43 Technology. The plan shall further be coordinated with the
44 Boards of Directors of the Alabama Supercomputer Authority.

45 (2) Collaborate and coordinate with the Division of
46 Data Systems Management of the Department of Finance as set
47 forth in Article 8 of Chapter 4 of this title, the Alabama
48 Supercomputer Authority, or any state authority, board, or
49 agency of like kind, and promote standards and coordinate
50 services and infrastructure to ensure that information
51 technology is used to support designated needs areas,
52 including identifying applications, equipment, and services
53 that may be statewide in scope and assisting state agencies in
54 avoiding duplication of applications, equipment, and services.

55 (3) Serve as a member of the board, or boards, for the
56 Alabama Supercomputer Authority.



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(4) Solicit, receive, and administer funds, goods, services, and equipment from public and private entities to be used for the purchase of computers, satellites, hardware, software, and other information technology equipment and services and for staff training in the use of information technology development programs.

(5) Establish an inventory of information technology resources to allow identification of underutilized or idle resources and all data and data systems in state agencies to promote improved asset management, utilization, and data sharing, with information technology resources to include personnel, software, hardware, and services.

(6) Establish and administer a structured system for review and approval of new information technology initiatives and projects, including business case, cost benefit analysis, and compatibility analysis.

(7) Administer any funds appropriated to the secretary by the Legislature for the establishment, operation, and coordination of the office.

(8) Represent state information technology and related areas with both the private and public sectors, including the federal government.

(9) Issue annual reports to the Governor, the Legislature, and the general public concerning the coordination and operation of the office.

(10) ~~Promulgate~~ Adopt rules, ~~regulations~~, and policies and establish procedures and standards for the management and operation of information technology by state agencies to carry



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out this chapter, including coordinating state information technology; providing technical assistance to state agency administrators on design and management of state information technology systems; evaluating the cost, system design, and suitability of information technology equipment and related services; establishing and enforcing cybersecurity governance for state agencies, including supporting operations and technology controls; establishing standards and policies for project management and project methodologies; and developing a unified and integrated structure and enterprise architecture for information technology systems for all state agencies.

(11) In consultation with the Governor, adopt rules to provide for the creation, operation, and oversight of a technology quality assurance board that will promote the responsible and transparent procurement, development, and use of novel technologies, including artificial intelligence, within state agencies through establishing and enforcing the following measures for all of the following technologies:

a. Ethical guidelines and frameworks.

b. Security and privacy controls.

c. Ongoing compliance mechanisms.

~~(11)~~ (12) Plan and coordinate information technology and cybersecurity activities for state agencies in such a manner as to promote the most economical and effective use of state resources."

Section 2. This act shall become effective on October 1, 2025.