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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE DUTIES OF THE INFORMATION RESOURCE  
3 MANAGEMENT COMMISSION AND TO REQUIRE THAT CERTAIN STATE  
4 AGENCY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS MUST BE CERTIFIED  
5 BY THE COMMISSION.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. G.S. 143B-472.41(b) reads as rewritten:

8 "(b) Powers and Duties. – The Commission has the following powers and  
9 duties:

10 (1) To develop, approve, and publish a statewide information technology  
11 strategy covering the current and following biennium that shall be  
12 updated annually and shall be submitted to the General Assembly on the  
13 first day of each regular session.

14 (2) To develop, approve, and sponsor statewide technology initiatives and  
15 to report on those initiatives in the annual update of the statewide  
16 information technology strategy.

17 (3) To review and approve biennially the information technology plans of  
18 the executive agencies and to review and comment biennially on the

1 information technology plans of the Administrative Office of the  
2 Courts. This review shall include plans for the procurement and use of  
3 personal computers and workstations.

4 (4) To recommend to the Governor and the Office of State Budget and  
5 Management the relative priorities across executive agency information  
6 technology plans.

7 (4a) To issue certification of any State agency information technology  
8 project that requires or is expected to require the expenditure of funds in  
9 excess of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), whether the project  
10 is undertaken in a single phase or component or in multiple phases or  
11 components. The certification shall be issued when the Commission  
12 determines that the project complies with Commission policies,  
13 standards, and procedures. The Commission shall promptly report each  
14 certification to the Office of State Budget and Management, the Office  
15 of the State Controller, the Chairs of the Legislative Committees on  
16 Information Technology, and the Cochairs of the Joint Legislative  
17 Commission on Governmental Operations. No State agency, other than  
18 The University of North Carolina or any of its constituent institutions,  
19 shall allocate or expend funds in excess of five hundred thousand dollars  
20 (\$500,000) on any information technology project without prior  
21 certification as required by this subsection. If an agency cannot  
22 determine whether a project or series of projects will require  
23 certification, the agency shall seek an opinion from the Commission.  
24 Upon review, the Commission may determine that a project is exempt  
25 from certification, and shall advise the agency of its determination.

26 (5) To establish a quality assurance policy for all agency information  
27 technology projects, information systems training programs, and  
28 information systems documentation. If at any time a certified agency  
29 information technology project is not in compliance with Commission  
30 policies, standards, or procedures, the Commission may suspend project  
31 certification and shall report the suspension to the Office of the State  
32 Controller, the Office of State Budget and Management, the Chairs of  
33 the Legislative Committees on Information Technology, and the  
34 Cochairs of the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental  
35 Operations. Upon recommendation of the Commission, the Joint  
36 Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations may request the  
37 State Budget Office and the State Controller to take appropriate  
38 remedial action, up to and including the suspension of appropriations or  
39 the nonrelease of funds to the project.

40 (6) To establish and enforce a quality review and expenditure review  
41 procedure for major agency information technology projects.

- 1           (7) To review and approve expenditures from appropriations made to the  
2           Office of State Budget and Management for the purpose of creating a  
3           Computer Reserve Fund.
- 4           (8) To develop and promote a policy and procedures for the fair and  
5           competitive procurement of information technology consistent with the  
6           rules of the Department of Administration and consistent with published  
7           industry standards for open systems that provide agencies with a  
8           vendor-neutral operating environment where different information  
9           technology hardware, software, and networks operate together easily  
10          and reliably."
- 11          Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.