
SENATE BILL 6504

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1 AN ACT Relating to technology planning; and amending RCW 43.105.160
2 and 43.105.190.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.105.160 and 1996 c 171 s 9 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The department shall prepare a state strategic information
7 technology plan which shall establish a state-wide mission, goals, and
8 objectives for the use of information technology, including goals for
9 electronic access to government records, information, and services.
10 The plan shall be developed in accordance with the standards and
11 policies established by the board and shall be submitted to the board
12 for review, modification as necessary, and approval. The department
13 shall seek the advice of the board in the development of this plan.

14 The plan approved under this section shall be updated as necessary
15 and submitted to the governor ((and)), the chairs and ranking minority
16 members of the appropriations committees of the senate and the house of
17 representatives, and, during the legislative session, to the chairs and
18 ranking minority members of the transportation committees of the senate
19 and the house of representatives. During the legislative interim, the

1 approved plan must be submitted to the legislative transportation
2 committee, instead of the standing transportation committees.

3 (2) The department shall prepare a biennial state performance
4 report on information technology based on agency performance reports
5 required under RCW 43.105.170 and other information deemed appropriate
6 by the department. The report shall include, but not be limited to:

7 (a) An evaluation of performance relating to information
8 technology;

9 (b) An assessment of progress made toward implementing the state
10 strategic information technology plan, including progress toward
11 electronic access to public information and enabling citizens to have
12 two-way access to public records, information, and services;

13 (c) An analysis of the success or failure, feasibility, progress,
14 costs, and timeliness of implementation of major information technology
15 projects under RCW 43.105.190;

16 (d) Identification of benefits, cost avoidance, and cost savings
17 generated by major information technology projects developed under RCW
18 43.105.190; and

19 (e) An inventory of state information services, equipment, and
20 proprietary software.

21 Copies of the report shall be distributed biennially to the
22 governor ~~((and))~~, the chairs and ranking minority members of the
23 appropriations committees of the senate and the house of
24 representatives, and, during the legislative session, the chairs and
25 ranking minority members of the transportation committees of the senate
26 and the house of representatives. During the legislative interim, the
27 report must be submitted to the legislative transportation committee,
28 instead of the standing transportation committees.

29 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.105.190 and 1996 c 137 s 15 are each amended to
30 read as follows:

31 (1) The department, with the approval of the board, shall establish
32 standards and policies governing the planning, implementation, and
33 evaluation of major information technology projects, including those
34 proposed by the superintendent of public instruction, in conjunction
35 with educational service districts, or state-wide or regional providers
36 of K-12 education information technology services. The standards and
37 policies shall:

1 (a) Establish criteria to identify projects which are subject to
2 this section. Such criteria shall include, but not be limited to,
3 significant anticipated cost, complexity, or state-wide significance of
4 the project; and

5 (b) Establish a model process and procedures which agencies shall
6 follow in developing and implementing project plans. Agencies may
7 propose, for approval by the department, a process and procedures
8 unique to the agency. The department may accept or require
9 modification of such agency proposals or the department may reject such
10 agency proposals and require use of the model process and procedures
11 established under this subsection. Any process and procedures
12 developed under this subsection shall require (i) distinct and
13 identifiable phases upon which funding may be based, (ii) user
14 validation of products through system demonstrations and testing of
15 prototypes and deliverables, and (iii) other elements identified by the
16 board.

17 Project plans and any agreements established under such plans shall
18 be approved and mutually agreed upon by the director, the director of
19 financial management, and the head of the agency proposing the project.

20 The director may terminate a major project if the director
21 determines that the project is not meeting or is not expected to meet
22 anticipated performance standards.

23 (2) The office of financial management shall establish policies and
24 standards governing the funding of projects developed under this
25 section. The policies and standards shall provide for:

26 (a) Funding of a project under terms and conditions mutually agreed
27 to by the director, the director of financial management, and the head
28 of the agency proposing the project. However, the office of financial
29 management may require incremental funding of a project on a phase-by-
30 phase basis whereby funds for a given phase of a project may be
31 released only when the office of financial management determines, with
32 the advice of the department, that the previous phase is satisfactorily
33 completed;

34 (b) Acceptance testing of products to assure that products perform
35 satisfactorily before they are accepted and final payment is made; and

36 (c) Other elements deemed necessary by the office of financial
37 management.

38 (3) The department shall evaluate projects at three stages of
39 development as follows: (a) Initial needs assessment; (b) feasibility

1 study including definition of scope, development of tasks and
2 timelines, and estimated costs and benefits; and (c) final project
3 implementation plan based upon available funding.

4 Copies of project evaluations conducted under this subsection shall
5 be submitted to the office of financial management and the chairs,
6 ranking minority members, and staff coordinators of the appropriations
7 committees of the senate and house of representatives.

8 If there are projects that receive funding from a transportation
9 fund or account, copies of those projects' evaluations conducted under
10 this subsection must be submitted, during the legislative session, to
11 the chairs and ranking minority members of the transportation
12 committees of the senate and the house of representatives. During the
13 legislative interim, the project evaluations must be submitted to the
14 legislative transportation committee.

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