

HOUSE BILL ANALYSIS

HB 2649

Title: An act relating to providing information services to public benefit nonprofit corporations.

Brief Description: Granting the department of information services the authority to provide services to nonprofit organizations.

Sponsors: Representatives Wolfe, Radcliff and Ruderman; by request of Department of Information Services.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY, TELECOMMUNICATIONS & ENERGY

Meeting: February 2, 2000.

Staff: Julia Harmatz (786-7135)

Background:

The Department of Information Services (DIS) manages the state's computing and telecommunications facilities. DIS currently offers information technology services to state agencies and local governments. These services include selection of technologies (computer systems) and telecommunications services, equipment acquisition, facilities management, negotiation with cable companies, office automation services, and training.

Summary of Bill:

This bill expressly includes public benefit nonprofit companies with state agencies and local governments as eligible recipients of DIS services. Public benefit company means a company that receives local, state, or federal support funds.

A definition of a rural county— is added. This bill permits a public agency (such as DIS) to grant a preference to persons providing information technology services to third parties in rural counties.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested January 26, 2000.

Effective Date of Bill: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.