SENATE BILL 257:
Appropriations Act of 2017, Sec. 37.5:
Information Technology Internal Service Fund/Rates

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OVERVIEW: Section 37.5 of S.L. 2017-57 provides that the Information Technology (IT) Internal Service Fund receipts for the 2017-2019 fiscal biennium must not exceed $205 million per fiscal year. IT Internal Service Fund receipts may be increased for specific purposes as needed and upon consultation with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations. All receipts must be used only for the specific purpose for which they were collected.

During the 2017-2018 fiscal year, receipts in excess of requirements are to be maintained in a separate account managed by the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM), and are to be used to offset agency budget shortfalls resulting from rate increases or to offset any IT Internal Service Fund budget shortfalls, if approved by OSBM. During the 2018-2019 fiscal year, budget requirements and associated rates are to be developed based on actual service costs for the 2016-2017 fiscal year, as reported to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology and the Fiscal Research Division by October 1, 2018.

This section directs the Department of Information Technology to report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology and the Fiscal Research Division on the development of rates and the means and methods by which it is in compliance with this section by December 1, 2017.

This section directs the State Chief Information Officer to ensure that bills from the Department of Information Technology are easily understandable and fully transparent. If a State agency fails to pay its IT Internal Service Fund bill within 30 days of receipt, OSBM may transfer funds from the agency to the IT Internal Service Fund.

This section of the act became effective July 1, 2017.