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SENATE BILL 257: Appropriations Act of 2017, Sec. 37.4: Department of Information Technology Transfers/Completion by July 1, 2018

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Analysis of:	Sec. 37.4 of S.L. 2017-57, as amended by Sec. 4.8 of S.L. 2017-204		

OVERVIEW: Section 37.4 of S.L. 2017-57 requires the transfer and consolidation of information technology functions from participating agencies to the Department of Information Technology (DIT) to be completed by July 1, 2018. It also requires the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and the Department of Revenue (DOR) to engage in transition planning with DIT and report on their progress by October 1, 2018.

CURRENT LAW: S.L. 2015-241 created the Department of Information Technology (DIT) and named the State Chief Information Officer (CIO) as the head of that Department. Under Article 15 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes, the State CIO must develop policies for information technology planning, management, and financing; centralize information technology procurement; and plan for the consolidation of enterprise information technology functions within the executive branch. G.S. 143B-1325 set forth a transition period during which the State CIO would prepare detailed plans to transition information technology personnel, operations, projects, assets, and appropriate funding from each of 12 listed departments¹ to the DIT. The transition plans were to ensure that the agencies' operations would not be adversely impacted during the transition. The Community College System Office and the State Board of Elections are not part of the initial transition, but instead must work with the State CIO to plan their transitions to DIT, and must report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology and the Fiscal Research Division by October 1, 2018, on the progress of their respective plans.²

BILL ANALYSIS: Section 37.4 of S.L. 2017-57, as amended by Section 4.8 of S.L. 2017-204, does the following:

- It requires the consolidation of the participating agencies' technology information to DIT be completed by July 1, 2018.³ It removes the transitional language and replaces it with operational language.

¹ Departments of Natural and Cultural Resources, Health and Human Services, Revenue, Environmental Quality, Transportation, Administration, Commerce, Governor's Office, State Budget and Management, State Human Resources, Military and Veterans Affairs, and Public Safety. The Office of the State Controller was removed from this list by S.L. 2016-94.

² The Department of Public Safety was initially included in this reporting requirement. S.L. 2016-94 moved DPS from the reporting requirement to the transition requirement, with the exception of the State Bureau of Investigation, the State Highway Patrol, and the Division of Emergency Management.

³ As of July 2017, the consolidation of information technology personnel, operations, projects, assets, and appropriate funding to DIT have been completed for the following Departments: Environmental Quality, Administration, Governor's Office, Lt. Governor's Office, State Human Resources, and Military and Veterans Affairs.

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- It adds DPI to the other two agencies that must work with the State CIO to plan transition of its information technology functions to DIT. As mentioned above, these agencies must report on the progress of their transition plans to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology by October 1, 2018.
- It gives DOR additional time to complete the transfer and consolidation of its information technology to DIT due to the heightened security requirements imposed by the federal government for purposes of sharing taxpayer information, which are not yet in place at DIT. It puts DOR on the same footing as the Community Colleges, DPI, and the State Board of Elections.⁴

EFFECTIVE DATE: This section became July 1, 2017.

⁴ Section 4.8 of S.L. 2017-204 made this change.