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SENATE BILL 257: 2026 Appropriations Act, Sec. 40.5: Identity Standardization and Statewide Access Management

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Section 40.5 of S.L. 2026-41 (Senate Bill 257) creates a new section in Article 15 of Chapter 143B – Department of Information Technology (DIT), requiring DIT to establish and maintain statewide Enterprise ICAM standards applicable to participating agencies. These standards set a framework for identity verification, authentication, authorization, federation, identity assurance, fraud prevention, and access management across participating agencies. DIT must review and evaluate the State’s existing contracts within 12 months and issue one or more competitive solicitations for those contracts that do not substantially satisfy the requirements of this section.

This section became effective July 1, 2026.

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