

Sec. E.145.1 SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE UTILIZATION OF
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN GOVERNMENT

(a) Creation. There is created a Special Committee on the Utilization of Information Technology in Government (the Committee).

(b) Membership. The Committee shall be composed of three persons who shall have knowledge and experience with information technology (IT) development and management, preferably for large organizations with complex information technology needs:

(1) one person who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(2) one person who shall be appointed by the Committee on Committees; and

(3) one person who shall be appointed by the Governor.

(c) Powers and duties. The Committee shall:

(1) evaluate the governance and management structure of the State of Vermont's overall IT system and IT programs, including whether the roles of the Chief Information Office and the Commissioner of Information and Innovation (DII) should be separated;

(2) recommend a model for how the General Assembly can best fulfill its role in overseeing the State's IT system and programs;

(3) provide other specific recommendations for IT systems valuation, including:

(A) a methodology or process for evaluating when off-the-shelf products should be used as opposed to customized products;

(B) a process for incorporating risk assessment that includes risk of project failure, risk of significant cost overruns, and security risks; and

(C) recommendations toward developing a procurement policy based on optimizing business value and incorporating best practices;

(4) make recommendations for further action;

(5) review an analysis, to be conducted by DII, of the State's mainframe and legacy mainframe applications, including:

(A) a cost benefit analysis of:

(i) maintaining the mainframe and legacy mainframe applications; or

(ii) replacing the mainframe and legacy mainframe applications and options to do so; and

(B) whether the mainframe and legacy mainframe applications systems can be used in lieu of new systems, and if so, for how long; and

(6) review current methods of financing DII operations and IT development and provide recommendations for alternative methods as appropriate.

(d) In **performing** its work under subsection (c) of this section, the Committee shall, among other considerations, look at best industry practices and best peer practices in other states.

(e) Report. On or before January 15, 2016, the Committee shall submit a written report with its recommendations to the House Committees on Appropriations, on Government Operations, and on Corrections and Institutions, and the Senate Committees on Appropriations, on Government Operations, and on Institutions.

(f) Meetings.

(1) The person appointed by the Committee on Committees shall call the first meeting of the Committee. The Committee shall select a chair from among its members.

(2) The Committee shall meet as necessary and shall cease to exist on April 1, 2016.

(g) Assistance. The Committee shall have the administrative and technical assistance of the Agency of Administration and the legal assistance of the Attorney General's Office. The Committee shall have the assistance of the Office of Legislative Council and the Joint Fiscal Office as needed. The Committee shall have the authority to request information from any department, agency, or person in the

Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches relevant to the Committee's powers and duties, and all departments, agencies, and persons shall provide the requested information subject to 1V.S.A. §§ 315 – 320 or subject to mutually agreed upon release and protection of any information that is exempt from disclosure pursuant to 1 V.S.A. §317(c)

(h) Reimbursement. Committee members who are not otherwise compensated or reimbursed for their attendance shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1010.

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