

Senate Bill 525

By: Senators Staton of the 18th, Heath of the 31st and Douglas of the 17th

AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government,
2 so as to change certain powers of the Georgia Technology Authority; to authorize the
3 authority to develop certain plans and reports; to remove the requirement to maintain a
4 three-year technology plan; to provide for a State Information Technology Report and the
5 contents thereof; to provide that the authority may adopt an accrual method of accounting;
6 to provide for certain agency reports; to remove the requirement that the authority, the Office
7 of Planning and Budget, and the state accounting officer jointly develop a technology
8 resources budget; to eliminate certain reports; to provide for related matters; to repeal
9 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

10 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

11 **SECTION 1.**

12 Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended
13 by revising paragraphs (9) and (13) of subsection (a) of Code Section 50-25-4, relating to the
14 general powers of the Georgia Technology Authority, as follows:

15 ~~"(9) To provide and approve a technology plan to include strategic planning and direction~~
16 ~~for technology acquisition, deployment development, and obsolescence management as~~
17 ~~well as a communications plan to manage costs for voice, video, data, and messaging~~
18 ~~services for all agencies. The state technology plan shall incorporate plans from agencies~~
19 ~~and other sources Reserved;"~~

20 ~~"(13) To develop such plans and reports as are deemed necessary and useful and to~~
21 ~~require agencies to submit periodic reports at such frequency and with such content as the~~
22 ~~board shall define;"~~

1 "50-25-7.12.
2 ~~The authority, the Office of Planning and Budget, and the state accounting officer shall~~
3 ~~jointly develop a system for budgeting and accounting of expenditures for technology~~
4 ~~resources. This system must integrate seamlessly with the technology portfolio~~
5 ~~management system. Annual reports regarding technology shall be coordinated by the~~
6 ~~authority with the Office of Planning and Budget and the state accounting officer and~~
7 ~~submitted to the Governor, General Assembly, and the board on or before October 1 of~~
8 ~~each year. The authority may adopt an accrual method of accounting. The authority shall~~
9 ~~not be required to distribute copies of the annual report to the members of the General~~
10 ~~Assembly but shall notify the members of the availability of the report in the manner which~~
11 ~~it deems to be most effective and efficient Reserved."~~

12 **SECTION 5.**

13 Said title is further amended by revising subsection (c) of Code Section 50-29-12, relating
14 to authorization for state agencies to establish pilot projects to serve as models for application
15 of technology, as follows:

16 "(c) State agencies establishing pilot projects shall submit quarterly progress reports on
17 such projects to the Georgia Technology Authority, ~~and the authority shall then submit~~
18 ~~such reports to the Electronic Commerce Study Committee.~~ The authority shall monitor
19 the success of such pilot projects and provide technical assistance to the extent that
20 resources of the authority are available."

21 **SECTION 6.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.