

House Bill 436 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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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 provide an
9 effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

11 style="text-align:center">**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;"~~

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (4) of subsection (b) of Code
25 Section 50-25-5.1, relating to the powers and duties of the chief information officer, as
26 follows:

27 ~~"(4) To submit an annual and a three-year technology plan, updated annually, and an~~
28 ~~annual budget for approval and adoption by the board;"~~

29 **SECTION 3.**

30 Said title is further amended by repealing Code Section 50-25-7.10, relating to the contents
31 of the annual report of the Georgia Technology Authority, in its entirety and inserting a new
32 Code section to read as follows:

33 "50-25-7.10.

34 (a) The executive director shall publish an annual state information technology report that
35 shall include:

36 (1) A report on the state's current and planned information technology expenditures, in
37 cooperation with the Office of Planning and Budget and the state accounting officer, that
38 shall include, but not be limited to, line-item detail expenditures on systems development,
39 personal services, and equipment from the previous fiscal year and anticipated
40 expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year;

41 (2) A prioritization of information technology initiatives to address unmet needs and
42 opportunities for significant efficiencies or improved effectiveness within the state
43 information technology enterprise; and

44 (3) A prioritized funding schedule for all major projects or initiatives, as well as cost
45 estimates of the fiscal impact of the recommended information technology initiatives.

46 The state information technology report shall be submitted to the Governor, the General
47 Assembly, and the board on or before October 1 of each year. The authority may adopt an
48 accrual method of accounting. The authority shall not be required to distribute copies of
49 the annual report to members of the General Assembly, but shall notify the members of the
50 availability of the report in the manner in which it deems to be the most effective and
51 efficient.

52 (b) Agencies shall be required to submit information technology reports to the authority
53 not more than twice annually and with such content as the board shall define. The
54 authority shall establish standards for agencies to submit the reports or updates. Standards
55 shall include, without limitation, content, format, and frequency of updates."

56 **SECTION 4.**

57 Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 50-25-7.12, relating to joint
58 development of budgeting and accounting system, as follows:

59 "50-25-7.12.

60 ~~The authority, the Office of Planning and Budget, and the state accounting officer shall~~
61 ~~jointly develop a system for budgeting and accounting of expenditures for technology~~
62 ~~resources. This system must integrate seamlessly with the technology portfolio~~
63 ~~management system. Annual reports regarding technology shall be coordinated by the~~
64 ~~authority with the Office of Planning and Budget and the state accounting officer and~~
65 ~~submitted to the Governor, General Assembly, and the board on or before October 1 of~~
66 ~~each year. The authority may adopt an accrual method of accounting. The authority shall~~
67 ~~not be required to distribute copies of the annual report to the members of the General~~
68 ~~Assembly but shall notify the members of the availability of the report in the manner which~~
69 ~~it deems to be most effective and efficient~~ Reserved."

70 **SECTION 5.**

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

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

79 **SECTION 6.**

80 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
81 without such approval.

82 **SECTION 7.**

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