

The House Committee on Budget & Fiscal Affairs Oversight offers the following substitute to SB 53:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 25 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 Georgia Technology Authority, so as to create the Technology Oversight Committee and
3 provide for its composition and duties; to provide for the technology oversight fund; to
4 provide for the method by which the fund shall be allocated; to provide for related matters;
5 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 25 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia
9 Technology Authority, is amended by revising Code Section 50-25-7.1, relating to
10 technology empowerment fund, appropriations, initiatives, and steering committee, as
11 follows:

12 "50-25-7.1.

13 (a) There shall be a technology oversight fund ~~The authority is authorized and directed to~~
14 ~~establish a technology empowerment fund~~ to be administered by the authority. The fund
15 shall consist of such moneys appropriated or otherwise available to the authority as the
16 board may determine from time to time to deposit therein. Subject to the appropriations

process, ~~the~~ all decision-making and priority-setting responsibilities for allocating these funds are vested in ~~the chief information officer and the director of the Office of Planning and Budget~~ the Technology Oversight Committee.

~~(b) The chief information officer is authorized to identify and select individual projects, initiatives, and systems to improve service delivery to be funded through the technology empowerment fund. Such projects shall demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the chief information officer, reduced costs through the use of technology. In identification and selection of such projects, initiatives, and systems, the chief information officer shall give priority to those which provide demonstrable cost savings and improved service delivery on a recurring basis through the employment of technology and training. Eligible projects, initiatives, and systems to receive disbursements from the technology empowerment fund may be selected from agency budget requests. Quarterly reports of the operations of the technology empowerment fund shall be required to be made to the board, the Office of Planning and Budget, the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office, and the House Budget and Research Office to ensure proper oversight and accountability.~~

~~(c)(b)~~ Each project or initiative developed and supported from the ~~technology empowerment fund~~ technology oversight fund shall employ technology that is compatible with the architecture and standards established by the authority and shall be accounted for by a discrete account established for the individual project or initiative item in the operating budget and capital budget.

~~(d)(c)~~ The Technology Oversight Committee shall be ~~A steering committee~~ composed of the chairperson of the House Committee on Appropriations or his or her designee from among the membership of the committee, the chairperson of the Senate Appropriations Committee or his or her designee from among the membership of the committee, one member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, one member of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, an individual appointed by the Governor, the director of the Office of Planning and Budget, ~~the House Budget and~~

~~Research Office, the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office, and the state auditor. The state chief information officer, or his or her designee, shall be nonvoting chair of the committee, but shall have the power to vote in the event of a tie or to make a tie, and the director of the House Budget and Research Office and the director of the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office, or his or her designees, shall be nonvoting members of the committee and a representative from the Governor's office shall advise and consult with the chief information officer regarding initiatives to receive funding from the technology empowerment fund and shall receive quarterly reports from the chief information officer as to the status of funded projects.~~

~~(d) Any proposal to the Technology Oversight Committee that includes a request for an allocation from the technology oversight fund shall be approved only by a majority vote of a quorum of the committee members present at a meeting. The minimum number of members present at a meeting to constitute a quorum is four. Any member may attend a meeting virtually and vote as if he or she were in physical attendance.~~

~~(e) Quarterly reports of the operations of the technology empowerment fund shall be required to be made to the board, the Office of Planning and Budget, the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office, and the House Budget and Research Office to ensure proper oversight and accountability."~~

SECTION 2.

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