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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, the Office of Information Technology was created to streamline information technology and provide for the delivery of information technology services for state government offices.

This bill would expand the services of the office to include cybersecurity and would also create a technology quality assurance board.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to the powers and duties of the Secretary of Information Technology; to amend Section 41-28-4, Code of Alabama 1975, to authorize the secretary to adopt rules providing for cybersecurity governance for state agencies; and to authorize the secretary, in consultation with the Governor, to adopt rules providing for the creation, operation, and oversight of a technology quality assurance board.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 41-28-4 of the Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§41-28-4



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29           The secretary shall have all of the following powers  
30 and duties:

31           (1) Develop a comprehensive four-year strategic plan  
32 for the state's information technology to include acquisition,  
33 management, and use of information technology by state  
34 agencies. The plan shall be developed in conjunction with the  
35 planning and budgeting processes for state agencies and may  
36 include review of state agencies' information technology  
37 plans, capital budgets, and operating budgets as appropriate  
38 to accomplish the goals of reducing redundant expenditures and  
39 maximizing the return on information technology investments.  
40 The plan shall be updated annually and submitted to the  
41 Governor and shall be presented during a public meeting to the  
42 Permanent Legislative Oversight Committee on Information  
43 Technology. The plan shall further be coordinated with the  
44 Boards of Directors of the Alabama Supercomputer Authority.

45           (2) Collaborate and coordinate with the Division of  
46 Data Systems Management of the Department of Finance as set  
47 forth in Article 8 of Chapter 4 of this title, the Alabama  
48 Supercomputer Authority, or any state authority, board, or  
49 agency of like kind, and promote standards and coordinate  
50 services and infrastructure to ensure that information  
51 technology is used to support designated needs areas,  
52 including identifying applications, equipment, and services  
53 that may be statewide in scope and assisting state agencies in  
54 avoiding duplication of applications, equipment, and services.

55           (3) Serve as a member of the board, or boards, for the  
56 Alabama Supercomputer Authority.



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57           (4) Solicit, receive, and administer funds, goods,  
58 services, and equipment from public and private entities to be  
59 used for the purchase of computers, satellites, hardware,  
60 software, and other information technology equipment and  
61 services and for staff training in the use of information  
62 technology development programs.

63           (5) Establish an inventory of information technology  
64 resources to allow identification of underutilized or idle  
65 resources and all data and data systems in state agencies to  
66 promote improved asset management, utilization, and data  
67 sharing, with information technology resources to include  
68 personnel, software, hardware, and services.

69           (6) Establish and administer a structured system for  
70 review and approval of new information technology initiatives  
71 and projects, including business case, cost benefit analysis,  
72 and compatibility analysis.

73           (7) Administer any funds appropriated to the secretary  
74 by the Legislature for the establishment, operation, and  
75 coordination of the office.

76           (8) Represent state information technology and related  
77 areas with both the private and public sectors, including the  
78 federal government.

79           (9) Issue annual reports to the Governor, the  
80 Legislature, and the general public concerning the  
81 coordination and operation of the office.

82           (10) ~~Promulgate~~ Adopt rules, ~~regulations~~, and policies  
83 and establish procedures and standards for the management and  
84 operation of information technology by state agencies to carry



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85 out this chapter, including coordinating state information  
86 technology; providing technical assistance to state agency  
87 administrators on design and management of state information  
88 technology systems; evaluating the cost, system design, and  
89 suitability of information technology equipment and related  
90 services; establishing and enforcing cybersecurity governance  
91 for state agencies, including supporting operations and  
92 technology controls; establishing standards and policies for  
93 project management and project methodologies; and developing a  
94 unified and integrated structure and enterprise architecture  
95 for information technology systems for all state agencies.

96 (11) In consultation with the Governor, adopt rules to  
97 provide for the creation, operation, and oversight of a  
98 technology quality assurance board that will promote the  
99 responsible and transparent procurement, development, and use  
100 of novel technologies, including artificial intelligence,  
101 within state agencies through establishing and enforcing the  
102 following measures for all of the following technologies:

- 103 a. Ethical guidelines and frameworks.
- 104 b. Security and privacy controls.
- 105 c. Ongoing compliance mechanisms.

106 ~~(11)~~ (12) Plan and coordinate information technology and  
107 cybersecurity activities for state agencies in such a manner  
108 as to promote the most economical and effective use of state  
109 resources."

110 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
111 1, 2025.