

1 Introduced by Senator Pearson
2 Referred to Committee on
3 Date:
4 Subject: Legislature; legislative services; information technology services
5 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to create the
6 Office of Legislative Information Technology Services.

7 An act relating to creation of the Office of Legislative Information
8 Technology Services

9 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

10 Sec. 1. 2 V.S.A. chapter 14 is added to read:

11 CHAPTER 14. OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION

12 TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

13 § 451. CREATION; PURPOSE

14 (a) Creation. There is created the Office of Legislative Information
15 Technology Services as an independent, permanent agency to serve the
16 General Assembly.

17 (b) Purpose. Due to the vital nature of information technology services to
18 the provision of legislative services, and the operation of the Vermont State
19 House and all offices of the General Assembly, the Office of Legislative

1 Information Technology Services shall be independent from all other offices
2 within the General Assembly.

3 § 452. SUPERVISION

4 The Legislative Information Technology Committee, established in chapter
5 22 of this title, shall appoint a Director of Information Technology who shall
6 supervise the Office of Legislation Information Technology Services. The
7 Director shall supervise the employees of the Office under the direction of the
8 Legislative Information Technology Committee.

9 § 453. DUTIES

10 The Office of Legislative Information Technology Services shall furnish
11 information technology services to all offices of the General Assembly,
12 including:

13 (1) planning and coordinating information systems and resources for
14 legislative staff;

15 (2) procuring information technology services and equipment; and

16 (3) making recommendations to the Legislative Information Technology
17 Committee with respect to information technology resources and services for
18 all legislative staff for inclusion in the legislative information technology long-
19 range plan and annual budget.

1 § 454. EXPENSES

2 All of the expenses of the Office of Legislative Information Technology
3 Services shall be charged to the legislative appropriation, and the Director shall
4 prepare and submit to the Legislative Information Technology Committee a
5 detailed information technology services budget generally in the format of
6 departmental budgets.

7 § 455. ASSISTANCE

8 The Office of Legislative Information Technology Services shall have the
9 legal, fiscal, administrative, and any other necessary services of the Office of
10 Legislative Council and the Joint Fiscal Office.

11 § 456. OFFICES

12 The Office of Legislative Information Technology Services shall have its
13 offices in the State House.

14 Sec. 2. 2 V.S.A. § 752 is amended to read:

15 § 752. FUNCTIONS

16 (a) The Legislative Information Technology Committee shall be
17 responsible for the coordination and integration of information technology in
18 the Legislative Branch in order to ensure that legislative records that are
19 created, received, stored, or transmitted by that technology enhance legislative
20 goals and priorities and conform to Vermont’s recordkeeping requirements.

1 The Committee shall also be responsible for supervision and oversight of the
2 Office of Legislation Information Technology Services.

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4 Sec. 3. 2 V.S.A. § 753 is amended to read:

5 § 753. ~~LEGISLATIVE STAFF INFORMATION SYSTEMS TEAM~~

6 ~~(a) There is created the Legislative Staff Information Systems Team to be~~
7 ~~composed of the following legislative staff officers or their designees:~~

8 ~~(1) The Secretary of the Senate;~~

9 ~~(2) The Clerk of the House;~~

10 ~~(3) The Chief Counsel of the Legislative Council;~~

11 ~~(4) The Joint Fiscal Officer of the Joint Fiscal Committee; and~~

12 ~~(5) The Sergeant at Arms.~~

13 ~~(b) The Legislative Staff Information Systems Team shall provide~~
14 ~~assistance to the Legislative Information Technology Committee as requested~~
15 ~~by the Committee. It shall plan and coordinate information systems and~~
16 ~~resources for legislative staff and make recommendations to the Legislative~~
17 ~~Information Technology Committee with respect to information technology~~
18 ~~resources and services for all legislative staff for inclusion in the legislative~~
19 ~~information technology long range plan and annual budget. [Repealed.]~~

20 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

21 This act shall take effect on passage.