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AN ACT relating to the Department of Information Technology; creating the Office of Information Security within the Department; requiring the Director of the Department to adopt certain regulations; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law creates the Department of Information Technology and includes within the Department two divisions: (1) the Planning and Programming Division; and (2) the Communication and Computing Division. (NRS 242.080) **Section 1** of this bill adds to the Department a third component, the Office of Information Security. Existing law directs the Planning and Research Unit of the Planning and Programming Division to develop standards to ensure the security of the information systems of the Executive Branch of Government. (NRS 242.115) **Sections 2 and 3** of this bill remove the development of such standards from the list of duties applicable to the Planning and Research Unit and instead require the Director of the Department to adopt such standards by regulation. (NRS 242.111)

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 242.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:
242.080 1. The Department of Information Technology is hereby created.

2. The Department consists of the Director and the:

- (a) Planning and Programming Division.
- (b) Communication and Computing Division.

(c) Office of Information Security.

3. A Planning and Research Unit is hereby created within the Planning and Programming Division of the Department.

4. A Communications Unit and a Telecommunications Unit are hereby created within the Communication and Computing Division of the Department.

Sec. 2. NRS 242.111 is hereby amended to read as follows:

242.111 The Director shall adopt regulations necessary for the administration of this chapter, including:

1. The policy for the information systems of the Executive Branch of Government, excluding the Nevada System of Higher Education and the Nevada Criminal Justice Information Computer System, as that policy relates, but is not limited, to such items as standards for systems and programming and criteria for selection, location and use of information systems to meet the requirements of state agencies and officers at the least cost to the State;



2. The procedures of the Department in providing information services, which may include provision for the performance, by an agency which uses the services or equipment of the Department, of preliminary procedures, such as data recording and verification, within the agency;

3. The effective administration of the ~~{Communication and Computing Division,}~~ **Department**, including , *without limitation*, security to prevent unauthorized access to information systems and plans for the recovery of systems and applications after they have been disrupted; ~~{and}~~

4. *The development of standards to ensure the security of the information systems of the Executive Branch of Government; and*

5. Specifications and standards for the employment of all personnel of the Department.

Sec. 3. NRS 242.115 is hereby amended to read as follows:

242.115 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the Planning and Research Unit of the Planning and Programming Division of the Department shall:

(a) Develop policies and standards for the information systems of the Executive Branch of Government;

(b) Coordinate the development of a biennial state plan for the information systems of the Executive Branch of Government;

(c) Develop guidelines to assist state agencies in the development of short- and long-term plans for their information systems;

(d) Develop guidelines and procedures for the procurement and maintenance of the information systems of the Executive Branch of Government;

~~{(e) Develop standards to ensure the security of the information systems of the Executive Branch of Government; and~~

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(e) Perform other planning and research functions at the direction of the Director.

2. This section does not apply to the Nevada System of Higher Education or the Nevada Criminal Justice Information Computer System used to provide support for the operations of law enforcement agencies in this State.

Sec. 4. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2007.

