

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-35-15.2, subsection 8 of section 54-59-05,  
2 and subsection 1 of section 54-59-23 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the  
3 definition of a major information technology project.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-35-15.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **54-35-15.2. Information technology committee - Powers and duties.** The  
8 information technology committee has continuing existence and may meet and conduct its  
9 business during the legislative session and in the interim between sessions. The committee  
10 shall:

- 11 1. Meet at least once each calendar quarter.
- 12 2. Receive a report from the chief information officer of the state at each meeting.
- 13 3. Review the business plan of the information technology department.
- 14 4. Review macro-level issues relating to information technology.
- 15 5. Review the activities of the information technology department.
- 16 6. Review statewide information technology standards.
- 17 7. Review the statewide information technology plan.
- 18 8. Review information technology efficiency and security.
- 19 9. Review established or proposed information technology programs and information  
20 technology acquisition by the executive and judicial branches.
- 21 10. Except as provided in subsection 11, receive and review information, including a  
22 project startup report summarizing the project description, project objectives,  
23 business need or problem, cost-benefit analysis, and project risks and a project  
24 closeout report summarizing the project objectives achieved, project budget and

1 schedule variances, and lessons learned, from the information technology  
2 department and the affected agency regarding any major information technology  
3 project of an executive branch agency. For the purposes of this subsection, a  
4 major project is a project with a total cost of ~~two~~ five hundred ~~fifty~~ thousand dollars  
5 or more.

6 11. a. Receive and review information, including a project startup report  
7 summarizing the project description, project objectives, business need or  
8 problem, cost-benefit analysis, and project risks and a project closeout report  
9 summarizing the project objectives achieved, project budget and schedule  
10 variances, and lessons learned, from the information technology department  
11 and the affected institution regarding any major project of the state board of  
12 higher education or any institution under the control of the state board of  
13 higher education if the project:

- 14 (1) Significantly impacts the statewide wide area network, including the  
15 campus access routers;  
16 (2) Impacts the statewide library system; or  
17 (3) Is an administrative project. An administrative project is a project that  
18 directly collects, aggregates, modifies, stores, or reports institutional  
19 student, financial, or human resources records or data and is provided  
20 primarily for administrative purposes.

21 b. For the purposes of this subsection, a major project is a project with a cost of  
22 ~~two hundred fifty thousand dollars or more in one biennium or a total cost of~~  
23 five hundred thousand dollars or more.

24 12. Receive and review information from the information technology department and  
25 the affected agency regarding any information technology project of an executive  
26 branch agency with a total cost of ~~between one~~ that is less than five hundred  
27 thousand ~~and two hundred fifty thousand~~ dollars as determined necessary by the  
28 information technology department.

29 13. Receive a report from the chief information officer regarding the recommendations  
30 of the state information technology advisory committee relating to the prioritization

1 of proposed major information technology projects and other information  
2 technology issues.

3 14. Receive and review information, including a project startup report summarizing the  
4 project description, project objectives, business need or problem, cost-benefit  
5 analysis, and project risks and a project closeout report summarizing the project  
6 objectives achieved, project budget and schedule variances, and lessons learned,  
7 from the affected legislative or judicial branch agency regarding any information  
8 technology project of the legislative or judicial branch with a total cost of ~~two~~ five  
9 hundred ~~fifty~~ thousand dollars or more.

10 15. Receive information from the state board of higher education regarding higher  
11 education information technology planning, services, and major projects.

12 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 8 of section 54-59-05 of the North Dakota  
13 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

14 8. May request and review information regarding any information technology project  
15 of an executive branch agency with a total cost of ~~between one~~ that is less than  
16 five hundred thousand ~~and two hundred fifty thousand~~ dollars as determined  
17 necessary by the department. The department shall present the information to the  
18 information technology committee on request of the committee.

19 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 54-59-23 of the North Dakota  
20 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

21 1. An executive, legislative, or judicial branch agency, except for institutions under the  
22 control of the state board of higher education, shall report to the state information  
23 technology advisory committee according to guidelines developed by the  
24 department and reviewed by the state information technology advisory committee  
25 regarding the plan for and status of any information technology project that is  
26 estimated to cost ~~more than two~~ five hundred ~~fifty~~ thousand dollars or more.