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<u>SB 1286</u>: telecommunications fund; report; posting S/E: Licensure software Sponsor: Senator Shamp, LD 29 Caucus & COW

Summary of the Strike-Everything Amendment to SB 1286

<u>Overview</u>

Prohibits contracts for software application licensure from restricting a public agency's choice of hardware to install or run the application.

<u>History</u>

The Arizona Department of Administration (<u>ADOA</u>) was established by the State Legislature in 1972 to provide centralized support services for the operation of state government and is responsible for government information technology functions. ADOA can contract with any public or private party to develop, implement and maintain a coordinated statewide plan for information technology (A.R.S. §§ <u>18-102</u> and <u>18-104</u>).

Under current law, information technology is defined as all computerized and auxiliary automated information processing, telecommunications and related technology, including hardware, software, vendor support and related services, equipment and projects (A.R.S. § 18-101).

Provisions

- 1. Asserts that a contract for software application licensure entered into by a public agency may not restrict the public agency's ability to install or run the software on the hardware of the public agency's choosing. (Sec. 1)
- 2. Specifies that a contract may not require that the software run on hardware dedicated solely to the agency. (Sec. 1)
- 3. Defines *public agency* as this State, the Arizona Board of Regents or a city, charter city, county, district, public authority or other political subdivision of this State. (Sec. 1)
- 4. Exempts a political subdivision that operates a federal reclamation project from being considered a public agency. (Sec. 1)
- 5. Contains an applicability clause. (Sec. 2)