

HOUSE BILL 987

By Ragan

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3; Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8 and Title 10, Chapter 7, relative to a feasibility study regarding a statewide information database.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1.

(a) The division of strategic technology solutions in the department of finance and administration shall conduct and supervise a study on the feasibility of creating a statewide information database that will operate as a central repository for information currently maintained by state and local agencies for the purpose of streamlining the manner in which state and local agencies and officers may access and share the information. The division shall report its findings to the governor and the general assembly no later than December 1, 2018.

(b) For the purposes of conducting the study and filing the report, the division:

(1) Shall identify and cooperate with appropriate policy centers and personnel of universities in this state; and

(2) To the extent that there is no cost to this state, may cooperate with the National Conference of State Legislatures, the Southern Legislative Conference, the Council of State Government, and any other appropriate nonprofit organization or policy institute.

(c) The study and report must include, with respect to a statewide information database, an analysis of the following:

(1) Feasibility of implementation;

(2) Maintenance;

- (3) The fiscal impact to this state and local governments;
 - (4) Sources of public information, including any agency of any branch of state government, any constitutional office, and local governments;
 - (5) The nature and type of information that may be stored in the database;
 - (6) The manner in which the information would be maintained securely and confidentially, including access to and permissions for the database;
 - (7) The personnel that would be required to operate and maintain the database;
 - (8) The identification of any personnel or state officers for whom it would be appropriate to provide full access to the database, if any;
 - (9) Similar information systems or databases in operation in other states;
- and
- (10) Any other recommendations of the division with respect to the implementation and feasibility of the database.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.