

HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/CS/SB 1494
SPONSOR: Senator Argenziano
SUBJECT: Information Technology Management
PREPARED BY: Senate Committee on Governmental Oversight And Productivity
DATE: April 29, 2005

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

Substitute House Amendment 1 - 314307 to CS/CS/SB 1494

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

Substitute House Amendment 1 - The House amendment retains most of the provisions of the Senate bill as passed.

The current State Technology Office (STO) is rebranded as the Florida Technology Council (FTC) and is transformed into a strategic policy organization. Its previous operating duties in wireless communications, SUNCOM, and data center management are transferred back to the Department of Management Services, where they were located prior to the creation of the STO.

The FTC is given increased authority to engage the state agencies in dedicated project management and investment control to discipline agency technology budgets and expenditures and improve accountability. The rebranded STO will still be organizationally located in DMS.

The technology responsibilities assigned to Cabinet officers in the discharge of their constitutional and statutory duties remain unchanged.

The bill brings a closer coordination between information technology needs and the legislative budget instructions as provided in s. 216.023, F.S. The bill provides a system of progressive accountability in which project management requirements become more significant as resource needs increase.