HOUSE BILL NO. HB0286

ETS consolidation.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Nicholas

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the administration of government; consolidating the department of enterprise technology 2 services and the duties of the state chief information 3 4 officer into the department of administration information; making conforming amendments; 5 providing applicability; transferring employees; transferring 6 7 appropriations; providing rulemaking authority; requiring reports; and providing for an effective date. 8

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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

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12 Section 1.

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14 (a) The department of enterprise technology services and the office of state chief information officer are 15 16 transferred by a type 1 transfer to the division of

1 enterprise technology services within the department of

2 administration and information created by this act. All

3 positions, personnel, appropriations, property, equipment

4 and authority in agencies and programs transferred to the

5 department of administration and information by this act

6 are under the control of the department as provided by this

7 act. The validity of rules, regulations, contracts,

8 agreements or other obligations of agencies or programs

9 transferred by this act is not affected by this act.

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11 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the (b) 12 governor may authorize the use of authorized positions within the department of enterprise technology services and 13 the office of the state chief information officer and funds 14 appropriated to those agencies to staff and fund 15 the 16 enterprise technology services division within the 17 department of administration and information for the remainder of the fiscal biennium ending June 18 30, 19 2024. For the fiscal biennium commencing July 1, 2024, the 20 director of the department of administration and 21 information shall submit an estimated budget for the

division of enterprise technology services to the governor

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- 1 and the governor shall submit a recommended budget for the
- 2 division to the joint appropriations committee.

- 4 (c) Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-3222(b), the governor
- 5 and director of the department of administration and
- 6 information may appoint a temporary state chief information
- 7 officer to serve as the administrator of the enterprise
- 8 technology services division upon the effective date of
- 9 this act. Thereafter the governor shall submit any
- 10 proposed appointment of the state chief information
- 11 officer to the senate in accordance with W.S. 28-12-101
- 12 through 28-12-103.

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- 14 (d) Upon the effective date of this act, any
- 15 reference in Wyoming statutes to a function assigned to the
- 16 department of enterprise technology services shall be
- 17 carried out by the division of enterprise technology
- 18 services within the department of administration and
- 19 information. The department of administration and
- 20 information shall promulgate rules to effectuate the

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21 purposes of this act.

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23 **Section 2**. W.S. 9-2-3222 is created to read:

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2 9-2-3222. Duties performed through the enterprise

3 technology services division.

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5 (a) As used in this section:

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7 (i) "Agency" means an office, department, board,

8 commission, council, institution, separate operating agency

9 or any other operating unit of the executive branch of

10 state government. "Agency" shall not include the University

11 of Wyoming or community colleges;

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13 (ii) "Data analytics" means data analysis,

14 including the ability to use the data for assessment and

15 extraction of policy relevant information;

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17 (iii) "Department" means the department of

18 administration and information;

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20 (iv) "Division" means the division of enterprise

21 technology services within the department;

1 (v) "Enterprise data analytics" means data 2 analytics which affect or are conducted by more than one

3 (1) agency;

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5 (vi) "Executive branch" means the executive

6 department of state government established by article 2,

7 section 1 of the Wyoming constitution;

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9 (vii) "Information processing software" means

10 all purchased, procured or developed software for use on

11 any information technology equipment;

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13 (viii) "Information technology equipment" means

14 all business and personal computing devices, intelligent

15 handheld devices including tablets and smart phones,

16 printers and other related peripheral equipment;

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18 (ix) "Judiciary" means the judicial department

19 of state government established by article 2, section 1 of

20 the Wyoming constitution;

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1 "Legislature" means (x)the legislative 2 department of state government established by article 2, 3 section 1 of the Wyoming constitution; 4 (xi) "Telecommunications transport 5 services" means the telecommunication transmission facilities under 6 which voice, data and video communications are distributed 7 8 between distant locations for use by state agencies, institutions and educational institutions on a 9 10 basis. 11 12 (b) There is created the enterprise technology services division within the department of administration 13 and information. The division shall carry out the duties 14 in this section and as otherwise provided by law. 15 16 governor and director of the department shall appoint an 17 administrator of the division with the advice and consent of the senate whose title shall be state chief information 18 19 officer. 20 21 (c) In addition to other duties prescribed by law,

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the department through the state chief information officer

and the enterprise technology services division shall:

2 (i) Establish and promulgate rules and

3 regulations governing the use and funding of

4 telecommunications services, equipment, software and

5 networks by agencies;

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7 (ii) In consultation with state agencies and

8 educational institutions, develop recommendations for a

9 current and long-range telecommunications transport service

10 plan for state government and higher education involving

11 telephone, radio, microwave, facsimile, closed circuit

12 television, teleconferencing, interactive educational

13 training, public radio, public television, data

14 communications, transmission circuits, fiberoptics,

15 satellites and cellular radio and the integration of these

16 mediums into applicable telecommunications networks. The

17 plan shall be submitted to the governor for approval;

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19 (iii) Administer the approved current and

20 long-range plan for use of telecommunications by agencies

21 and coordinate the telecommunications transport service

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22 network;

1 (iv) Inventory current telecommunications 2 infrastructure of agencies, solicit comments and 3 recommendations on needs, practices and technologies for 4 providing telecommunications services in the most efficient possible, accommodate economic 5 growth manner and development in the state and enhance educational 6 opportunities at all levels of instruction; 7 8 9 (v) Review all existing and future agencies 10 telecommunications planning, networks, systems and programs and recommend priorities therefor in accordance with the 11 12 purposes of this section; 13 (vi) As appropriate, coordinate the acquisition 14 of compatible telecommunications equipment, software and 15 16 licensure for telecommunications transport service networks 17 with agencies and with educational institutions; 18 19 (vii) Establish telecommunications procedures, 20 standards and records for management of telecommunications 21 transport service networks and facilities for agencies;

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1 (viii) Review, assess and ensure compliance with 2 federal and state telecommunications regulations governing 3 the needs and functions of agencies for telecommunication 4 transport services; 5 (ix) Provide telecommunications services 6 including billing, installation and repair of telephone 7 8 services including interstate and intrastate long distance, to agencies; 9 10 11 (x) Coordinate telecommunications network 12 training for agencies. 13 (d) Notwithstanding subsection (c) of this section: 14 15 16 (i) The director of the Wyoming department of 17 transportation and the colonel of the Wyoming highway 18 patrol shall administer and control the operation, 19 maintenance and conduct of the two-way, land-based mobile 20 related facilities for the public safety 21 radio-microwave systems specifically provided by the department and patrol and performed by radio technicians, 22

dispatchers and telephone operators. The department shall

1 provide and accommodate agency needs as approved jointly by

2 the department and the agency and as agency budgets allow;

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4 (ii) The attorney general shall administer and

5 control the operation and conduct of the criminal law

6 enforcement system and shall coordinate statewide

7 telecommunications network services under this system

8 through the department;

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10 (iii) The University of Wyoming and community

11 college districts shall administer the operation and

12 control of telephone data and video systems on their

13 respective campuses and the division shall coordinate

14 statewide telecommunications network services under these

15 systems;

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17 (iv) Telecommunications transport service

18 requirements for any agency and educational institutions

19 shall be coordinated through the division;

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21 (v) Any public broadcasting service operating in

22 the state shall be responsible for its operational services

23 and federal licensing. The division shall assist in the

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subsection (j) of this section.

1 coordination of any required statewide telecommunications 2 transport services as appropriate; 3 4 (vi) The state public safety communications commission established under W.S. 9-2-1101 shall coordinate 5 statewide telecommunications transport 6 requirements through the division; 7 8 9 (vii) An agency may independently contract with a private service provider to obtain telecommunications 10 11 services, equipment, software and networks, provided: 12 13 The services, equipment and software (A) meet compatibility standards established by the division; 14 15 and 16 17 (B) The agency's action will result in at least ten percent (10%) savings compared to the cost of 18 19 similar services, equipment and software provided through 20 the division; 21

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(C) The action is approved as provided by

2 (e) The division may, through the infrastructure

3 network developed under the statewide education technology

4 plan in accordance with W.S. 21-2-202(a)(xx), contract with

5 one (1) or more telecommunications providers to provide

6 telecommunications services to:

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8 (i) Private schools if the division determines

9 network capacity is sufficiently available and private

10 schools accessing the network reimburse the division for

11 the costs of services provided under this subsection,

12 including proportionate overhead and administrative costs;

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14 (ii) Private health care providers if services

15 are requested by the department of health under this

16 subsection. The department of health shall:

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18 (A) Determine health care services

19 necessary for the effective and efficient operation of a

20 telehealth network in the state;

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22 (B) Notify the division in writing of the

23 services deemed necessary;

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2 (C) Reimburse the division for

3 costs incurred for the provision of telecommunications

4 services under this subsection from funds available for

5 this purpose, including proportionate overhead and

6 administrative costs;

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8 (D) Develop charges for telecommunication

9 services that cover the costs of the provision of

10 telecommunication services to private health care

11 providers; and

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13 (E) In providing or facilitating the

14 provision of services under this subsection, the department

15 of health shall determine that services are not reasonably

16 available from other sources.

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18 (f) Nothing in this section shall be construed to

19 authorize the division to regulate or otherwise have any

20 jurisdiction or authority over nongovernmental providers of

21 telecommunications services or broadband services. Nothing

22 in this section shall be construed to authorize the

23 division or the state to be a telecommunications services

1 provider to the private sector. To the extent a network is

2 developed and implemented under subsection (c) of this

3 section to provide telecommunications transport services

4 for state government and higher education, rather than

5 purchasing facilities or providing its own communications

6 services for the creation and operation of the unified

7 network, the state of Wyoming shall purchase services from

8 commercial communications carriers to the fullest extent

9 reasonably feasible. Such a network is limited to use only

10 by:

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12 (i) The executive, legislative and judicial

13 branches of Wyoming state government, including the

14 University of Wyoming and community colleges. In relation

15 to use of this network, "Wyoming state government" does not

16 include local governments, cities, towns, counties,

17 hospitals, joint powers boards, special districts or other

18 local governmental entities; and

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20 (ii) Wyoming public schools and public

21 libraries.

1 (g) The division, through the state chief information 2 officer, shall carry out the following coordination and 3 management functions: 4 5 (i) Develop a biennial information technology plan for the executive branch. The division may inventory 6 agency software, hardware, servers and data centers as it 7 8 determines necessary to develop the plan, using existing information available to the division and as supplemented 9 10 by agencies upon request of the division; 11 (ii) 12 Implement and maintain an information technology governance program for the agencies; 13 14 (iii) Establish review criteria for the agencies 15 16 information technology projects, procurements and 17 purchases; 18 19 (iv) Develop and implement recommendations for 20 the proper management of agencies information technology 21 resources;

(v) Review and make recommendations to the

2 governor concerning information technology budget requests 3 made by agencies; 4 (vi) Adopt information technology policies and 5 standards and ensure agency compliance with the policies 6 and standards; 7 8 9 (vii) Recommend information technology 10 procurement improvements; 11 (viii) Develop and promote information 12 technology training programs for all branches of 13 government; 14 15 16 (ix) Encourage information technology 17 coordination, information sharing and collaboration among all branches and levels of government in Wyoming; 18 19 20 (x) Enhance geographic information systems coordination among all governmental users of geographic 21 information systems; 22

1 (xi) Carry out the duties prescribed by W.S.

2 9-2-2501;

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4 (xii) Enhance statewide broadband adoption and

5 coordination among all governmental users in coordination

6 with the Wyoming business council and its broadband

7 advisory council;

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9 (xiii) Advise the governor and the legislature

10 on technology and telecommunications matters;

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12 (xiv) Establish, maintain and annually evaluate

13 a quality management model. The quality management model

14 shall include training and assurances for data privacy,

15 protection and use throughout the agency and shall track

16 customer feedback on technology services and oversight. The

17 division shall involve the agencies in assessment of needs,

18 successes and areas of improvement and shall produce

19 customer satisfaction and performance reports. The division

20 shall report its findings from the quality management model

21 in the department's biennial budget request submitted under

22 W.S. 9-2-1013.

1 (h) The University of Wyoming, community colleges,

2 and the judicial and legislative departments of state

3 government may adhere to the standards, policies and plans

4 developed pursuant to subsection (f) of this section to the

5 extent feasible, as determined by the entity or the

6 department of government, as applicable.

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8 (j) The division shall carry out the following

9 oversight and approval functions:

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11 (i) Review agency expenditure requests for

12 information technology or telecommunications personnel,

13 hardware or software or contractual services for

14 information technology if the expenditure exceeds the

15 maximum amount established by division policy for small

16 purchases. No funds for purchase in excess of the maximum

17 amount shall be expended until the state chief information

18 officer has approved the expenditure. Upon request for

19 expenditure, the state chief information officer shall

20 review the request and shall:

1 (A) Disapprove a request which fails to

2 meet existing division standards, security, privacy and

3 procurement policies; and

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5 (B) If the state chief information officer

6 determines that a less expensive alternative to effectively

7 accomplish the need is available, approve the request only

8 for the lesser amount.

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10 (ii) Review agency expenditures for information

11 technology or telecommunications personnel, hardware or

12 software or contractual services for information technology

13 which are within the maximum amount established by division

14 policy for small purchases as determined necessary by

15 policy of the state information officer, approved by the

16 director. Agencies shall provide information as requested

17 by the division regarding small purchases;

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19 (iii) Establish and enforce data security and

20 privacy policies and standards for the state data

21 infrastructure. These provisions shall be the minimum

22 security and privacy requirements adhered to by all

23 agencies. Agencies may choose to set additional security

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1 and privacy requirements to exceed but not in lieu of or
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2 that in any way interfere with the standards set by the

3 division;

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5 (iv) Establish policies and standards for

6 enterprise data analytics;

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8 (v) All computer purchases made via the

9 division's state technology replacement program shall be

10 made in accordance with the provisions of this subsection,

11 using standardized pricing established by the program. All

12 funds appropriated for computer acquisition shall be

13 restricted and not expended for any other purpose.

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15 **Section** 3. W.S. 7-19-106(a)(xxvii),

16 7-19-201(a)(xxiv), 9-2-117(a)(vii) and (viii),

9-2-1005(a)(xii)(intro) and (B), 9-2-1104(a)(i) and (iii),

18 9-2-2008(c) by creating a new paragraph (iii), 9-2-2501(b),

19 (c)(intro) and (d), 9-2-3202(d) by creating a new paragraph

20 (xi), 9-4-217(h)(intro), 18-3-402(a)(xxv), 21-2-202(a)(xx),

21 (xxxiv)(intro), (J) and (xxxvii)(intro), 34-1-404(a),

22 34-1-405(a) and (b)(intro), 37-15-104(b),

23 40-21-118(b)(intro) and 40-21-119 are amended to read:

1 2 7-19-106. Access and dissemination to, of, 3 information. 4 5 (a) Criminal history record information shall disseminated by criminal justice agencies in this state, 6 7 whether directly or through any intermediary, only to: 8 9 (xxvii) The department of enterprise technology 10 services administration and information for purposes of obtaining background information on prospective and current 11 12 employees in the enterprise technology services division; 13 14 7-19-201. State or national criminal history record information. 15 16 17 (a) The following persons shall be required to submit to fingerprinting in order to obtain state and national 18 19 criminal history record information: 20 21 (xxiv) Department of administration and enterprise technology 22 information services division 23 employees or applicants for employment who have access to

1 confidential information or records, if required by the

2 state chief information officer as a condition for a

3 position with the department of enterprise technology

4 services division;

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6 9-2-117. Office of rural health created; duties.

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8 (a) The office of rural health is created within the

9 department of health. The office shall:

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(vii) In collaboration with the state health 11 12 officer and the state chief information officer or their 13 designees, coordinate with appropriate state agencies to establish incentives to implement, promote and facilitate 14 the voluntary exchange of secure telemedicine/telehealth 15 16 network information between and among individuals, entities 17 and agencies that are providing and paying for services authorized under the Medicaid program, in conformity with 18 19 rules adopted by the state chief information officer 20 enterprise technology services division within the

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department of administration and information;

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shall not

1 (viii) In collaboration with the state health 2 officer and the state chief information officer or their 3 designees, develop and promote a common direction for a 4 statewide interoperable telemedicine/telehealth network among state agencies, in conformity with rules adopted by 5 the department of enterprise technology services division 6 within the department of administration and information; 7 8 9 9-2-1005. Payment of warrants; budget powers οf 10 governor; agency budgets; federal funds; new employees. 11 12 (a) No warrant shall be drawn by the auditor or paid 13 by the treasurer: 14 15 (xii) If the expenditure is for data processing 16 hardware, software, consultants or training and exceeds the 17 small purchase amount established by the department of 18 enterprise technology services division within the 19 department of administration and information, unless 20 specifically approved by one (1) of the following: 21 The state chief information officer. A 22

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approved pursuant to this

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    subparagraph if it fails to conform with the criteria
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    developed
                 pursuant to
                                    W.S. 9-2-2906(b)(iii)
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    9-2-3222(g)(iii);
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        9-2-1104. Commission; powers and duties; advisory
    capacity to promote system development; public meetings;
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    clerical and administrative support.
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        (a) The commission shall:
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             (i) Work with the state budget department, the
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    department of enterprise technology services division
    within the department of administration and information,
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    the department of homeland security and the department of
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    transportation in an advisory capacity to promote the
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    development, improvement and efficiency of public safety
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    communications systems in the state;
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             (iii) Submit a plan for statewide
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    networking to the department of enterprise technology
    services division within the department of administration
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   telecommunications plan developed pursuant to
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   9-2-2906(g)-9-2-3222(c);
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4 9-2-2008. Department of administration and

information created; director appointed; structure.

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(c) The following agencies are assigned to the department of administration and information under a Type 1 8

9 transfer:

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(iii) Department of enterprise technology 11

12 services.

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9-2-2501. Electronic transaction of business. 14

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16 (b) The state chief enterprise technology services 17 division within the department of administration and information officer may provide for any state agency 18 19 business to be conducted electronically in accordance with 20 rules adopted under this section and in conformity with the provisions of the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act in 21 22 title 40, chapter 21. No state agency shall be required by the chief information officer division to conduct business 23

electronically. Any state agency desiring to conduct 1

business electronically shall adopt the procedures 2

contained in rules of the department of enterprise 3

4 technology services division.

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(c) The department of enterprise technology services 6

division may enact rules the chief information officer 7

8 deems as necessary to implement this section subject to the

provisions of the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act in 9

10 title 40, chapter 21. The rules shall at a minimum:

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12 (d) In adopting rules the department of enterprise

technology services division shall consider whether the 13

rule will allow for efficient, safe, secure and accurate 14

15 transactions.

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17 9-2-3202. Definitions; powers generally; duties of

governor; provisions construed; cooperation with 18

legislature and judiciary; divisions enumerated. 19

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(d) The department shall consist of the following 21

divisions in addition to the office of the director of the 22

department: 23

2 (xi) Enterprise technology services division.

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4 9-4-217. Uniform state accounting system.

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The department of enterprise technology services 6 (h) division within the department of administration and 7 8 information shall contract with a payment processor for 9 uniform statewide payment processing services that each 10 agency shall utilize, except as specifically prohibited by law or as otherwise provided in this subsection, to allow 11 12 any tax, assessment, license, permit, fee, fine, or other 13 money owing to the state or collectible by the state on behalf of another unit of government to be paid by 14 negotiable paper, or in payment of any bail deposit or 15 16 other trust deposit. The statewide payment processor 17 contract shall establish a uniform rate or uniform fee for 18 the costs of processing payment transactions for all 19 agencies. If the administrative head of a division within 20 an agency determines that it is not feasible to utilize the 21 statewide payment processor contract, the administrative head may request a waiver from the state chief information 22 23 officer. If the waiver is granted, the agency may, except

1 2 18-3-402. Duties generally. 3 4 (a) The county clerk shall: 5 (xxv) If the county clerk accepts electronic 6 recordings of deeds, mortgages, conveyances, patents, 7 8 certificates, instruments and other like documents, establish procedures to govern the electronic recordings 9 10 consistent with rules promulgated by the department of 11 enterprise technology services division within the 12 department of administration and information pursuant to W.S. 34-1-405. 13 14 21-2-202. Duties of the state superintendent. 15 16 17 (a) In addition to any other duties assigned by law, 18 the state superintendent shall: 19 20 (xx) In cooperation with the state board, the 21 Wyoming community college commission, University of 22 Wyoming, public service commission, department of

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transportation, department of enterprise technology

services division within the department of administration and information, public libraries, school district boards 2 3 of trustees, classroom teachers and other appropriate 4 groups identified by the superintendent, develop and 5 implement a statewide education technology plan which shall address staff training, curriculum integration and network 6 connectivity in and between schools, communities and 7 8 between the state and the world, and which shall have as its goal the provision of equal access to educational 9 10 instruction and information. The statewide technology education plan may include telecommunications services 11 12 provided by the department of enterprise technology 13 services division within the department of administration 14 and information pursuant to W.S. $\frac{9-2-2906(g)}{9}-9-2-3222(c)$; 15 16 (xxxiv) With the department of enterprise technology services division within the department of 17 administration and information, establish criteria for the 18 collection, storage, management and reporting of department 19 20 of education data including, but not limited to teacher certification, statewide education accountability and 21 assessment and the administration of the school finance 22 system. In carrying out this paragraph, the 23 state

1 superintendent and the department of enterprise technology

2 services <u>division</u> within the <u>department</u> of <u>administration</u>

3 and information shall develop a data privacy and security

4 plan that includes:

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6 (J) All personally identifiable student

7 information being reported to the department of education

8 or the department of enterprise technology services

9 division within the department of administration and

10 information by a student's Wyoming student record

11 identification and locator number as issued by the

12 department of education; and

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14 (xxxvii) In consultation with the department of

15 enterprise technology services division within the

16 department of administration and information, the

17 department of audit and school districts, establish and

18 maintain guidelines for school districts for the

19 collection, access, privacy, security and use of student

20 data by school districts. The guidelines shall, at a

21 minimum, be in compliance with the federal Family

22 Educational Rights and Privacy Act and other relevant

23 federal and state laws and include the following:

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2	34-1-404. Recording of documents.
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4	(a) A county clerk who implements any of the
5	functions in this section shall do so in compliance with
6	rules promulgated by the department of enterprise
7	technology services <u>division</u> within the <u>department</u> of
8	administration and information pursuant to W.S. 34-1-405.
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10	34-1-405. Administration and standards.
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12	(a) The department of enterprise technology services
13	division within the department of administration and
14	information shall promulgate rules in accordance with the
15	Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act to implement this act.
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17	(b) The department of enterprise technology services
18	division within the department of administration and
19	<u>information</u> in adopting rules pursuant to this section
20	shall consider:
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22	37-15-104. Services not regulated by this title.

- 1 (b) In addition to subsection (a) of this section,
- 2 telecommunications service does not include, and the
- 3 provisions of this title do not apply to telecommunications
- 4 services provided by the department of enterprise
- 5 technology services division within the department of
- 6 administration and information to private health care
- 7 providers under W.S. 9-2-2906(j)-9-2-3222(e).

- 9 40-21-118. Acceptance and distribution of electronic
- 10 records by governmental agencies.

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- 12 (b) To the extent that a governmental agency uses
- 13 electronic records and electronic signatures under
- 14 subsection (a) of this section, the department of
- 15 enterprise technology services division within the
- 16 department of administration and information shall
- 17 promulgate rules in accordance with the Wyoming
- 18 Administrative Procedure Act to specify for state agencies:

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20 **40-21-119.** Interoperability.

- 22 The department of enterprise technology services division
- 23 within the department of administration and information in

1 adopting standards pursuant to W.S. 40-21-118 may encourage

2 and promote consistency and interoperability with similar

3 requirements adopted by other governmental agencies of this

4 and other states and the federal government and

5 nongovernmental persons interacting with governmental

6 agencies of this state. If appropriate, those standards may

7 specify differing levels of standards from which

8 governmental agencies of this state may choose in

9 implementing the most appropriate standard for a particular

10 application.

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12 **Section 4.** W.S. 9-2-2019 and 9-2-2901 through

13 9-2-2907 are repealed.

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15 Section 5. The department of administration and 16 information shall report to the joint appropriations 17 committee on all aspects of the transfer authorized under this act not later than December 1, 2023. The report shall 18 19 include any statutory changes needed to fully effectuate 20 the purposes of this act. The joint appropriations 21 committee may introduce legislation during the 2024 budget

session of the Wyoming legislature pursuant to a report

1 received under this section or on its own initiative to

2 fully effectuate this act.

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4 **Section 6.** This act is effective immediately upon

5 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law

6 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming

7 Constitution.

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9 (END)