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HOUSE BILL NO. [BILL NUMBER]

Court information technology equipment.

Sponsored by: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to courts and counties; and delineating
2 responsibility for court information technology equipment
3 between the judicial branch and counties; providing
4 definitions; and providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 5-2-120, by creating new subsections
9 (a) through (d), and 18-2-103, by creating new subsections
10 (a) through (d), are amended to read:

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12 **5-2-120. Judicial systems automation account created;**
13 **purposes.**

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2 (a) There is created an account entitled the
3 "judicial systems automation account." No funds shall be
4 expended from the account unless and until the legislature
5 appropriates the funds. Funds within the account shall be
6 used by the supreme court for the purchase, maintenance and
7 operation of computer hardware, including court information
8 technology equipment, and software to enhance the
9 communication, records and management needs of the courts
10 of the judicial branch of the state of Wyoming. Interest
11 accruing to this account shall be retained therein and
12 shall be expended for the purposes provided in this
13 section, as appropriated by the legislature. Annually, the
14 supreme court shall develop a plan for all trial and
15 appellate courts within the state for the expenditure of
16 funds from the account. Prior to implementation, the plan
17 shall be annually submitted to the joint appropriations
18 interim committee and joint judiciary interim committee for
19 review and comment.

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21 (b) Implementation of court information technology
22 equipment requiring alterations of county buildings
23 pursuant to W.S. 18-2-103(b) shall be accomplished in

1 consultation with the board of county commissioners of each
2 county or the board's appointed designee.

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4 (c) The supreme court shall install courtroom
5 information technology equipment in state courtrooms in a
6 phased approach following the effective date of this act.
7 Upon installation of courtroom information technology
8 equipment in a courtroom, the supreme court shall maintain
9 and support the equipment installed by the supreme court.

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11 (d) "Court information technology equipment" means
12 hardware equipment located in the circuit and district
13 courtrooms, the circuit and district court jury rooms, the
14 circuit and district court judges' chambers and the offices
15 of the circuit court clerks necessary to meet, but not
16 exceed, the court information technology equipment
17 standards most recently adopted by the board of judicial
18 policy and administration.

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20 **18-2-103. Buildings generally.**

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1 (a) Each county shall provide and maintain a suitable
2 courthouse, jail and other necessary county buildings.

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4 (b) Each county shall provide and maintain
5 infrastructure to ensure the proper function of court
6 information technology equipment including, but not limited
7 to, requisite power outlets, network drops, audio and
8 visual drops and associated wiring for connectivity of all
9 endpoints and peripherals associated with court information
10 technology equipment.

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12 (c) For purposes of this section, "court information
13 technology equipment" means as defined in W.S. 5-2-120(d).

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15 Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon
16 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
17 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
18 Constitution.

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20 (END)