ENROLLED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1108

By: Perry and Deutschendorf of the House

and

Wright and Robinson of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution directing state agencies and other entities to begin planning and budgeting for certain computer conversions for the millennium; requiring certain reports from state agencies to be filed; encouraging entities to plan for the future with regards to computer systems; describing format of report and filing requirements; requiring certain reports from higher education institutions to be filed; advising schools of conversion issue and impacts; stating intent of the Legislature regarding certain expenditures; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the year 2000 is fast approaching, with only approximately forty-five months remaining in this century; and

WHEREAS, it has been recognized and documented that at the beginning of the millennium, the year 2000, unless addressed beforehand, date-dependent computer systems such as legacy systems, programs, databases and processes may cease operating correctly because those systems were not designed to consider the century change; and

WHEREAS, the cost to business and government computer and information users due to the advent of the millennium has been estimated to run into the billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, the cost to convert computer systems such as legacy systems, programs, databases and processes will be greater to those government institutions and agencies which do not plan and execute the changes in advance of the millennium; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that there will be disruptions and a slowdown of services after December 31, 1999, if Oklahoma governmental agencies and computer information service personnel do not adequately plan and take action before the millennium; and

WHEREAS, additional funding by the Legislature may be necessary to support the conversion of state computer systems for the millennium, and it may be beneficial and more efficient to spread those costs out over several years; and

WHEREAS, the sooner the conversion process is addressed and started by the state, the less the cost should be as well as providing more options to governmental organizations in addressing this issue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 45TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature hereby directs all state agencies and encourages all institutions of higher education, schools, area

vocational-technical schools, and other political subdivisions of the state, if applicable, to begin planning and budgeting for the conversion of legacy systems, programs, databases and security systems and to begin the process of preparing all state computer systems for the millennium.

THAT each state agency through the Office of State Finance shall report to the Oklahoma Legislature by November 1, 1996, each agency's initial plan for addressing the conversion of and preparing state computer systems for the millennium. Thereafter, more specific plans will be due each November 1 through 1999. The specific format for the reports will be prepared by the Office of State Finance and distributed to each agency prior to July 1, 1996. The Office of State Finance will review the plans, summarize and present them to a Joint Legislative Interim Committee assigned the task of reviewing the information and the State Data Processing and Telecommunications Advisory Committee by December 1, 1996, and each December 1 through 1999.

THAT each college and university through the Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor or Chief Operating Officer of the State Regents for Higher Education shall report to the Oklahoma Legislature the institution's plan for addressing the conversion of and preparing computer systems for the millennium. The reports shall be presented in the manner described above.

THAT school districts and area vocational-technical school districts shall not be required to report their plans for addressing the conversion of computer systems for the millennium to the Oklahoma Legislature, but are hereby advised of the issue of the millennium and the potential financial and operational impact it may have for schools.

THAT it is the intent of the Legislature that this resolution should in no way be interpreted as an authorization to purchase additional hardware and software, or to add additional personnel to address the issue of converting and preparing state computer systems for the millennium.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the chief officer of all state agencies, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction for distribution to all school district superintendents and board of education presidents in the state, the Director of the State Board of Vocational and Technical Education for distribution to all vocational and technical schools in the state and the Executive Vice Chancellor or Chief Operating Officer of the State Regents for Higher Education for distribution to all institutions of higher education in the state system.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 29th day of May, 1996.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the 30th day of May, 1996.

President of the Senate