

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 68

By: Green of the Senate

and

Bashore of the House

An Act relating to the Information Technology Consolidation and Coordination Act; amending 62 O.S. 2021, Section 35.3, which relates to definitions; expanding certain definitions; setting guidelines for hiring personnel; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

SUBJECT: Information Technology Consolidation and Coordination Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 62 O.S. 2021, Section 35.3, is amended to read as follows:

Section 35.3. As used in the Information Technology Consolidation and Coordination Act:

1. "Appropriated state agency" means any state agency that receives funding through the annual legislative appropriations process;

2. "Information technology assets" means any equipment or interconnected system or subsystem of equipment that is used in the acquisition, storage, manipulation, management, movement, control, display, switching, interchange, transmission, or reception of data or information. The term shall include computers, ancillary equipment, software, firmware and similar procedures, services, including support services and consulting services, software development, and related resources, and shall further include telecommunications fiber networks used for conveying electronic communication or information systems to multiple physical locations;

3. "Information technology position" means a classified or unclassified position in the following functional areas:

- a. applications programming,
- b. EDP audit,
- c. data examination,
- d. computer applications,
- e. computer data entry,
- f. computer networking,
- g. computer operations,
- h. computer programming,
- i. computer security,
- j. computer software design,
- k. web applications,
- l. database analysis,
- m. data management analysis,
- n. database development,
- o. database programming,
- p. software design/development,
- q. help desk,
- r. imaging,
- s. systems analysis,

- t. systems application planning,
- u. systems application,
- v. systems administration,
- w. systems coordination,
- x. systems integration,
- y. systems operation,
- z. systems planning/development,
- aa. systems programming,
- bb. systems engineering,
- cc. systems service specialist,
- dd. systems support,
- ee. network administration,
- ff. network management,
- gg. network technical,
- hh. operating systems specialist,
- ii. systems program manager,
- jj. telecommunications, whether data or voice,
- kk. software training, and
- ll. technology development or support;

4. "Nonappropriated state agency" means any state agency that does not receive funding through the annual legislative appropriations process;

5. "Shared services" means those state agency functions which are or could be provided through:

- a. the services and systems specified in subsection A of Section 35.6 of this title, and
- b. the programs, services, software, or processes specified in subsection B of Section 35.6 of this title; and

6. "State agency" means any office, elected or appointed officer, bureau, board, commission, counsel, unit, division, body, authority, or institution of the executive branch of state government excluding institutions within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, the Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, the District Attorneys Council, the Office of the Attorney General, the Office of the State Auditor and Inspector, and the telecommunications network known as OneNet.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 35.7a of Title 62, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Except as otherwise provided by the Information Technology Consolidation and Coordination Act, any state agency may employ information technology personnel to develop and implement the agency's technology strategy, provided that the agency remains subject to the standards, policies, and oversight established by the Chief Information Officer of this state for the purposes of data integrity and security.

B. A state agency may employ information technology personnel pursuant to this section if it first enters into a memorandum of understanding with the Chief Information Officer detailing, at a minimum:

1. The specific positions and job descriptions that the agency plans to hire;
2. The qualifications of the positions;

3. Agreement by the state agency to be bound by the standards, policies, and oversight set forth by the Chief Information Officer for security and data integrity purposes; and

4. Any other terms deemed necessary by the Chief Information Officer or the state agency.

No information technology personnel shall be hired or retained by the state agency until a memorandum of understanding has been fully executed by both the Chief Information Officer and the state agency.

C. The Chief Information Officer, at his or her discretion, may audit the state agency's compliance with the provisions of the memorandum of understanding and any other requirements of this section.

D. The authorization described in this section shall not be construed as a waiver or exemption of any other provisions of the Information Technology Consolidation and Coordination Act.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 15th day of May, 2025.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 5th day of May, 2025.

Presiding Officer of the House
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