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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires development of State data and technology infrastructure investment plan for public health emergencies.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning data and technology infrastructure and  
2 supplementing Title 26 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. The Office of Information Technology, in consultation  
8 with the Department of Health and State Office of Emergency  
9 Management, shall prepare a data and technology infrastructure  
10 investment plan, which shall serve as the State's long-term capital  
11 investment strategy for upgrading and maintaining the State's data  
12 and technology infrastructure to promote public health emergency  
13 preparedness and the continuity of State services during a public  
14 health emergency. The office shall submit the investment plan to  
15 the Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164  
16 (C.52:14-19.1), the Legislature no later than 18 months after the  
17 effective date of this act and shall report annually thereafter to the  
18 Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-  
19 19.1), the Legislature on the implementation of the plan.

20 b. The investment plan shall include, but not be limited to:

21 (1) strategies for establishing early warning systems in the State  
22 for public health emergencies that utilize data from State, federal,  
23 and international data sources and for coordinating the  
24 interpretation of early warning data with other States to aid multi-  
25 state emergency response efforts;

26 (2) strategies to ensure that the State has the capability of  
27 collecting and utilizing critical public health data, as identified by  
28 the Department of Health and any other key public health  
29 stakeholders, and that such data is stored in a centralized data  
30 repository that is accessible by State agencies as needed during a  
31 public health emergency, in accordance with applicable State and  
32 federal health privacy laws; and

33 (3) strategies to expand each State agency's digital services  
34 capabilities to ensure that appropriate State services can be  
35 delivered digitally in an efficient and effective manner in  
36 emergency and non-emergency situations including, but not limited  
37 to, improving the remote work capabilities of State employees.

38 c. During the course of preparing the investment plan, the office  
39 shall:

40 (1) make available to all interested persons a copy of the  
41 proposed plan or proposed revisions to the current plan at least 90  
42 days prior to submitting it to the Governor and Legislature pursuant  
43 to subsection a. of this section, and shall provide an opportunity for  
44 the public to submit written comments, consider the comments  
45 submitted, make any revisions as the office deems necessary, and  
46 provide a written summary of responses to comments and any  
47 revisions made based on those comments;

1 (2) conduct at least three public meetings, which may be  
2 conducted using video teleconferencing, on the proposed plan or  
3 proposed revisions and updates to the current plan; and

4 (3) consider the comments made at public meetings and written  
5 comments, and make any revisions to the proposed plan or proposed  
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7 necessary, and provide a written summary of responses to  
8 comments and any revisions made based on those comments.

9 d. As used in this section:

10 “Investment plan” means the data and technology infrastructure  
11 investment plan prepared pursuant to subsection a. of this section.

12 “Office” means the Office of Information Technology.

13 “Public health emergency” means a public health emergency  
14 declared pursuant to P.L.2005, c.222 (C.26:13-1 et seq.).

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16 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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19 STATEMENT

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21 This bill requires the State to develop a State data and  
22 technology infrastructure investment plan for public health  
23 emergencies.

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25 consultation with the Department of Health and State Office of  
26 Emergency Management, to prepare a data and technology  
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