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**SYNOPSIS**

Provides State information technology contracts will require use of software to document computer use by contractor.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT providing that State contracts require the use of software to  
2 document computer use by information technology contractors  
3 and supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.  
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:  
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8 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law or rule or  
9 regulation to the contrary, any information technology contract  
10 entered into by any State agency, having a value in excess of  
11 \$100,000 shall require the contractor to use software to verify that  
12 all hours billed for work under the contract for services performed  
13 on a computer are eligible charges. Every such contract shall  
14 specifically provide that the State agency shall not pay for hours  
15 worked on a computer unless the hours are verifiable by software or  
16 by data collected by software.

17 The software required by this section shall:

18 permit the State agency to have real-time access to data collected  
19 or provided by the software;

20 automatically gather verification data of State-funded activity  
21 and take a screenshot and track total keystroke and mouse event  
22 frequency at least once every three minutes, and make that  
23 information available to the State agency in real-time and upon  
24 request;

25 provide automated real-time cost status of each task;

26 provide professional biographical information that is not private  
27 or confidential on individuals performing work funded by a State  
28 agency;

29 ensure appropriate privacy and confidentiality of any data for  
30 individuals; and

31 permit the State agency to provide immediate feedback to the  
32 contractor on work in progress.

33 A contractor shall store, or contract with another to store, data  
34 collected by the software for a period of seven years after payment  
35 is made to the contractor for services provided to the State agency.  
36 The contractor shall retrieve and make available data upon the  
37 request of the State agency in the format requested by the State  
38 agency at any time during the seven years as needed to comply with  
39 the provisions of this section or any other law which may require  
40 disclosure of such information.

41 A contractor shall not charge the State agency for access to, or  
42 use of, the work verification software or for access to or retrieval of  
43 data collected by the software.

44 The provisions of this section shall apply to any auditor acting  
45 on behalf of a State agency to the same extent as it applies to the  
46 State agency.

47 As used in this section, "information technology contract" means  
48 any contract for the purchase of software publishing, motion picture

1 and video production, television production and post-production  
2 services, telecommunications, data processing, hosting and related  
3 services, custom computer programming services, computer system  
4 design, computer facilities management services, other computer  
5 related services including, but not limited to, coding and website  
6 development, and computer training; and

7 "State agency" means any principal department in the Executive  
8 Branch of State government, and any division, board, bureau,  
9 office, commission or other instrumentality within or created by  
10 such department, and any independent State authority, commission,  
11 instrumentality or agency, other than in the Legislative or Judicial  
12 Branches of State government, which is authorized by law to award  
13 public contracts.

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15 2. This act shall take effect immediately but shall remain  
16 inoperative until the 366th day following the date of enactment.

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STATEMENT

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21 This bill provides that any information technology contract  
22 entered into by a State agency, having a value in excess of \$100,000  
23 will require the information technology contractor to use software  
24 to verify that all hours billed for work under the contract for  
25 services performed on a computer are eligible charges. Every such  
26 contract must specifically provide that the State agency will not pay  
27 for hours worked on a computer unless the hours are verifiable by  
28 software or by data collected by software. The bill provides  
29 specific functions that this software must perform in order to  
30 document computer use in performance of a contract. It will apply  
31 to agencies in the Executive Branch of State government and to  
32 independent State authorities, commissions, instrumentalities, or  
33 agencies.