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# **MAJORITY REPORT**

## **House No. 3731**

### **An Act to Reorganize the Information Technology Function of the Commonwealth to Improve Data Security, Safeguard Privacy and Promote Better Service Delivery.**

**June 19, 2017**

H. 3731 is the Governor's reorganization plan for the Information Technology function of the Commonwealth. The legislation is filed under Article LXXXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution and its adoption is therefore subject to a limited time frame as well as not being open to amendment by Committee or the General Court.

H. 3731 transfers the functions of MassIT to the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security to establish a legal framework to centralize the IT functions of the executive department. H. 3731 further updates policies and standardizes procedures across the executive departments in order to increase cybersecurity, create savings by standardizing procurement and updating the digital face of the Commonwealth in order to better serve the citizen of Massachusetts.

The Committee finds that the plan to reorganize the IT functions of the executive branch will benefit the Commonwealth by centralizing and standardizing procedures across the various agencies and secretariats. In a rapidly changing environment it is imperative that the Commonwealth's IT functions be ready to meet the constant challenge of threats to its digital infrastructure and keep pace with changing technology. In addition, the creation of a centralized IT infrastructure service will improve customer service by making the functions of government more readily accessible to citizens of the Commonwealth. Furthermore, centralized procurement will allow for the purchase of goods in larger volume thus securing significant cost savings. For these reasons, the Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight recommends the petition ought to be approved.

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