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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY PHILLIPS-HILL, PENNYCUICK, REGAN, LAUGHLIN,  
CULVER, J. WARD AND BROOKS, MAY 29, 2024

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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, MAY 29, 2024

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled  
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the  
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the  
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative  
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,  
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or  
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or  
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative  
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and  
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative  
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,  
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the  
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive  
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of  
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and  
16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,  
17 and commissions; providing for judicial administration; and  
18 prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation  
19 of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of  
20 certain departments, boards and commissions shall be  
21 determined," establishing the Office of Information  
22 Technology and Chief Information Officer.

23 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
24 hereby enacts as follows:

25 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known  
26 as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by adding an  
27 article to read:

28 ARTICLE XXVIII-J

1 OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND

2 CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

3 Section 2801-J. Office of Information Technology.

4 (a) Establishment.--The Office of Information Technology is  
5 established. The administrative head of the office shall be the  
6 Chief Information Officer.

7 (b) Appointment of Chief Information Officer.--The Governor  
8 shall nominate in accordance with the provisions of the  
9 Constitution of Pennsylvania and, by and with the advice and  
10 consent of two-thirds of the members elected to the Senate,  
11 appoint the Chief Information Officer, who shall be a member of  
12 the Governor's Cabinet.

13 (c) Powers and duties.--The Chief Information Officer shall  
14 have the following powers and duties:

15 (1) To manage and operate information technology  
16 services of agencies under the jurisdiction of the Governor.

17 (2) To establish and implement information technology  
18 protocols for security of data produced, collected or  
19 maintained by agencies under the jurisdiction of the  
20 Governor.

21 (3) To manage the Office of Information Technology.

22 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.