

HOUSE BILL 2215

By Powell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 10 and Title 12, relative to open data.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 1, Part 4, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) There is created a task force to study the feasibility of the state government utilizing an open data policy, similar to the policy enacted by the federal government pursuant to Executive Order of May 9, 2013, Making Open and Machine Readable the New Default for Government Information. The task force shall:

(1) Examine whether state agencies may collect or create information in a way that supports downstream information processing and dissemination activities, including using machine readable and open formats, data standards, and common core and extensible metadata for all new information creation and collection efforts;

(2) Ensure information stewardship by the state agencies through the use of open licenses and review of information for privacy, confidentiality, security, or other restrictions to release; and

(3) Determine if the state can build or modernize information systems in a way that maximizes interoperability and information accessibility, maintains internal and external data asset inventories, enhances information safeguards, and clarifies information management responsibilities.

(b) The task force shall consist of ten (10) members:

(1) The commissioner of general services, or the commissioner's designee, who shall serve as chair and shall convene the first meeting of the task force;

(2) The comptroller of the treasury or the comptroller's designee;

(3) The secretary of state, or the secretary's designee;

(4) The commissioner of finance and administration, or the commissioner's designee;

(5) Two (2) members to be appointed by the speaker of the senate;

(6) Two (2) members to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; and

(7) Two (2) members to be appointed by the governor.

(c) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations to the chairs of the state and local government committee of the senate and the state government committee of the house of representatives by February 1, 2017. The task force shall cease to exist upon completion of the task force's report and recommendations.

(d) The legislative members shall be compensated in accordance with § 3-1-106. The remaining members of the task force shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled to reimbursement of any travel expenses incurred. All reimbursement for travel shall be in accordance with the comprehensive travel regulations as promulgated by the department of finance and administration and approved by the attorney general and reporter.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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