
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 7127

AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AGENCY CONTRACTS FOR THE LICENSING OF SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS.

SUMMARY

This bill generally prohibits state agency contracts for licensing software applications from having a provision limiting the agency's ability to install or run the software on the hardware of the agency's choosing if it is designed to be run on generally available desktop or server hardware. More specifically, the bill applies to contracts that are:

1. for state agency information system or telecommunications system facilities, equipment, or services;
2. awarded under the laws on state (a) information and telecommunications system management and contracts (Chapter 61) or (b) higher education institutions' purchases of equipment, supplies, and contractual services; and
3. entered into or amended on or after October 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2025

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 13 Nay 6 (03/26/2025)