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CREATE STATE TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION

House Bill 6132

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**Committee: Advanced Technology and
Computer Development**

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 6132 AS INTRODUCED 9-17-98

The bill would create the State Technology Commission Act. Under the bill, the State Technology Commission would be created within the Legislative Council, but would exercise its powers and duties, including budgeting, procurement, and other management-related functions, independently of the council. The commission would have to investigate and evaluate the current status of technology in all aspects of state government, review and make recommendations to executive departments on all contracts for technology improvements in the state, develop a statewide technology plan to improve Michigan's technology capability for state government, and investigate technological problems in state government. The commission would have to develop and submit a report on its activities and recommendations concerning the above duties by November 1, 1999 and each subsequent November 1.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Senate Majority Leader, and the governor would each appoint two members to the commission. The first members would serve staggered terms; after that, terms would be for three years or until a successor was appointed. Members would serve without compensation, but could be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in performing their duties. The bill would establish procedures for filling vacancies, electing a chairperson, and conducting business. The commission would have to meet at least quarterly. Meetings would have to be held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act (MCL 15.261 to 15.275), and documents prepared and used by the commission in the performance of an official function would be subject to the Freedom of Information Act (MCL 15.231 to 15.246).

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