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SURPLUS COMPUTERS: DONATE TO ISDs

House Bill 5747

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Committee: Regulatory Reform

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5747 AS INTRODUCED 2-26-02

Under provisions of the Management and Budget Act, the Department of Management and Budget is required to issue directives providing for the disclosure, transfer, and disposal of surplus, salvage, and scrap material of state agencies. The act permits the department to dispose of surplus and of salvage or scrap by donating or selling the property to a local unit of government. If no municipality is interested in the materials, the surplus, scrap, or salvage can be sold at auction.

House Bill 5747 would amend the act to allow the department to dispose of surplus computers, software, and computer accessories by donating them to intermediate school districts (ISDs) for distribution to individuals who are financially unable to purchase a computer. An ISD would be responsible for determining who was eligible to receive a donated surplus computer or other computer accessories.

Further, the act allows the department to assess a handling fee for property or equipment being donated to help cover the costs incurred in the transfer or auction of that surplus state property or equipment. The bill would specify that the fee would have to be a minimal handling fee, and that the handling fee could not exceed the actual costs of handling the property or equipment.

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