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Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to information technology; to amend sections
2 86-501, 86-506, 86-516, 86-520, 86-521, 86-526, 86-527,
3 86-528, 86-529, 86-530, 86-552, 86-562, 86-563, 86-564,
4 86-565, 86-569, 86-571, 86-572, and 86-573, Revised
5 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006, and section 86-570,
6 Revised Statutes Supplement, 2007; to change provisions
7 relating to enterprise projects under the Information
8 Technology Infrastructure Act, the Nebraska Information
9 Technology Commission, the Chief Information Officer,
10 the technical panel, and the Information Technology
11 Infrastructure Fund; to provide powers and duties for
12 the Nebraska Information Technology Commission and the

1 Chief Information Officer; to require reporting of
2 information technology plans by state agencies, boards,
3 and commissions; to change and eliminate provisions
4 of the Intergovernmental Data Services Program Act; to
5 rename and change provisions relating to the Geographic
6 Information System Steering Committee; to repeal the
7 Intergovernmental Data Communications Act; to harmonize
8 provisions; to repeal the original sections; and
9 to outright repeal sections 86-531, 86-532, 86-533,
10 86-534, 86-535, 86-536, 86-537, 86-538, 86-539, 86-540,
11 86-541, 86-542, 86-543, 86-544, 86-545, 86-546, 86-547,
12 86-548, 86-549, and 86-553, Revised Statutes Cumulative
13 Supplement, 2006.

14 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 86-501, Revised Statutes Cumulative
2 Supplement, 2006, is amended to read:

3 86-501 Sections 86-501 to 86-530 and section 6 of this
4 act shall be known and may be cited as the Information Technology
5 Infrastructure Act.

6 Sec. 2. Section 86-506, Revised Statutes Cumulative
7 Supplement, 2006, is amended to read:

8 86-506 Enterprise project means an endeavor undertaken
9 over a fixed period of time using information technology, which
10 would have a significant effect on a core business function ~~and~~ or
11 affects multiple government programs, agencies, or institutions.
12 Enterprise project includes all aspects of planning, design,
13 implementation, project management, and training relating to the
14 endeavor.

15 Sec. 3. Section 86-516, Revised Statutes Cumulative
16 Supplement, 2006, is amended to read:

17 86-516 The commission shall:

18 (1) Annually by July 1, adopt policies and procedures
19 used to develop, review, and annually update a statewide technology
20 plan;

21 (2) Create an information technology clearinghouse to
22 identify and share best practices and new developments, as well as
23 identify existing problems and deficiencies;

24 (3) Review and adopt policies to provide incentives for
25 investments in information technology infrastructure services;

1 (4) Determine a broad strategy and objectives for
2 developing and sustaining information technology development in
3 Nebraska, including long-range funding strategies, research and
4 development investment, support and maintenance requirements, and
5 system usage and assessment guidelines;

6 (5) Adopt guidelines regarding project planning and
7 management, ~~information sharing,~~ and administrative and technical
8 review procedures involving state-owned or state-supported
9 technology and infrastructure. Governmental entities, state
10 agencies, and political subdivisions shall submit all projects
11 which directly utilize state-appropriated use any combination
12 of general funds, federal funds, or cash funds for information
13 technology purposes to the process established by sections 86-512
14 to 86-524. Governmental entities and political subdivisions
15 may submit other projects involving information technology to
16 the commission for comment, review, and recommendations; The
17 commission may adopt policies that establish the format and minimum
18 requirements for project submissions. The commission may monitor
19 the progress of any such project and may require progress reports;

20 (6) Adopt minimum technical standards, guidelines, and
21 architectures upon recommendation by the technical panel;

22 (7) Establish ad hoc technical advisory groups to study
23 and make recommendations on specific topics, including workgroups
24 to establish, coordinate, and prioritize needs for education,
25 local communities, intergovernmental data communications, and state

1 agencies;

2 (8) By November 15 of each even-numbered year, make
3 recommendations on technology investments to the Governor and the
4 Legislature, including a prioritized list of projects, reviewed
5 by the technical panel, ~~for which new or additional funding is~~
6 ~~requested,~~ pursuant to section 86-521;

7 (9) Approve grants from the Community Technology Fund and
8 Government Technology Collaboration Fund;

9 (10) Adopt schedules and procedures for reporting needs,
10 priorities, and recommended projects; ~~and~~

11 (11) Assist the Chief Information Officer in developing
12 and maintaining Network Nebraska pursuant to section 86-5,100; ~~and-~~

13 (12) Determine the format that state agencies, boards,
14 and commissions shall use to report their information technology
15 plans under section 6 of this act. The commission shall include an
16 analysis of such plans in the statewide technology plan.

17 Sec. 4. Section 86-520, Revised Statutes Cumulative
18 Supplement, 2006, is amended to read:

19 86-520 The Chief Information Officer shall:

20 (1) Maintain, in cooperation with the Department of
21 Administrative Services, an inventory of noneducation state
22 government technology assets, including hardware, applications, and
23 data bases;

24 (2) Recommend policies and guidelines for acceptable and
25 cost-effective use of information technology in noneducation state

1 government;

2 (3) Advise the Governor and Legislature on policy issues
3 affecting noneducation state government related to information
4 technology;

5 (4) Coordinate efforts among other noneducation state
6 government technology agencies and coordinating bodies;

7 (5) Implement a strategic, tactical, and project planning
8 process for noneducation state government information technology
9 that is linked to the budget process;

10 (6) Assist the budget division of the Department
11 of Administrative Services and Legislative Fiscal Analyst in
12 evaluating technology-related budget requests;

13 (7) Work with each governmental department and
14 noneducation state agency to evaluate and act upon opportunities
15 to more efficiently and effectively deliver government services
16 through the use of information technology;

17 (8) Recommend to the Governor and Legislature methods for
18 improving the organization and management of data by noneducation
19 agencies to achieve the goals of making information sharable and
20 reusable, eliminating redundancy of data and programs, improving
21 the quality and usefulness of data, and improving access to data,
22 and implement such recommendations as the Governor or Legislature
23 may direct;

24 (9) Monitor the status of major noneducation state
25 government technology projects;

1 (10) Establish and maintain Network Nebraska pursuant to
2 section 86-5,100;

3 (11) Bid for telecomputing and distance education
4 equipment pursuant to section 79-1233;

5 (12) Apply in aggregate for reimbursements from the
6 federal Universal Service Fund pursuant to section 254 of the
7 Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C. 254, as such section
8 existed on January 1, 2006, on behalf of school districts
9 requesting to be included in such aggregated application;

10 (13) Administer such funds as may be appropriated to the
11 Chief Information Officer by the Legislature; and

12 (14) Monitor the status of information technology
13 projects that are enterprise projects;

14 (15) Collect information from state agencies, boards, and
15 commissions as provided in section 6 of this act; and

16 ~~(14)~~ (16) Complete other tasks as assigned by the
17 Governor.

18 Sec. 5. Section 86-521, Revised Statutes Cumulative
19 Supplement, 2006, is amended to read:

20 86-521 (1) A technical panel is created. The technical
21 panel shall be comprised of one representative from the Nebraska
22 Educational Telecommunications Commission, one representative
23 from the office of Chief Information Officer, one representative
24 from the University of Nebraska Computing Services Network, ~~one~~
25 ~~representative from the project sector,~~ and such other members as

1 specified by the Nebraska Information Technology Commission.

2 (2) The technical panel shall review any technology
 3 project ~~or request for additional funding recommended~~ presented
 4 to the Nebraska Information Technology Commission including any
 5 recommendations by working groups established under sections 86-512
 6 to 86-524. Upon the conclusion of the review of a technology
 7 project or request for additional funding, the technical panel
 8 shall provide its analysis to the commission. The technical panel
 9 may recommend technical standards and guidelines to be considered
 10 for adoption by the commission.

11 Sec. 6. On or before September 15 of each even-numbered
 12 year, all state agencies, boards, and commissions shall report
 13 to the Chief Information Officer, in a format determined by
 14 the commission, an information technology plan that includes an
 15 accounting of all technology assets, including planned acquisitions
 16 and upgrades.

17 Sec. 7. Section 86-526, Revised Statutes Cumulative
 18 Supplement, 2006, is amended to read:

19 86-526 ~~To authorize enterprise projects and provide~~
 20 ~~funding, it is the intent of the Legislature that:~~

21 ~~(1) A program be created with the goals of:~~

22 ~~(a) Improving the efficiency of and reducing the cost of~~
 23 ~~state government and its various agencies;~~

24 ~~(b) Improving the technical capabilities and productivity~~
 25 ~~of state employees and students, faculty, and administrators in~~

1 ~~state educational institutions;~~

2 ~~(c) Addressing enterprise-wide information technology~~
3 ~~issues; and~~

4 ~~(d) Clearly identifying and providing accountability~~
5 ~~for the costs and benefits of information technology in state~~
6 ~~government; and~~

7 ~~(2) A fund be created to provide resources for periodic~~
8 ~~investments in the information technology infrastructure.~~

9 The commission shall determine which proposed information
10 technology projects are enterprise projects. The commission shall
11 create policies and procedures for the designation of such
12 projects. The commission shall evaluate designated enterprise
13 project plans as authorized in section 86-528.

14 Sec. 8. Section 86-527, Revised Statutes Cumulative
15 Supplement, 2006, is amended to read:

16 86-527 The Information Technology Infrastructure Fund is
17 hereby created. The fund shall contain revenue from the special
18 privilege tax as provided in section 77-2602, gifts, grants,
19 and such other money as is appropriated or transferred by the
20 Legislature. The fund shall be used to attain the ~~goals listed~~
21 ~~in section 86-526 and the goals and priorities identified in~~
22 ~~the statewide technology plan. The fund shall be administered by~~
23 ~~the office of Chief Information Officer. Expenditures shall be~~
24 ~~made from the fund to finance the operations of the Information~~
25 ~~Technology Infrastructure Act in accordance with the appropriations~~

1 made by the Legislature. Transfers from the fund to the General
2 Fund may be made at the direction of the Legislature. Any money
3 in the Information Technology Infrastructure Fund available for
4 investment shall be invested by the state investment officer
5 pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska
6 State Funds Investment Act.

7 Sec. 9. Section 86-528, Revised Statutes Cumulative
8 Supplement, 2006, is amended to read:

9 86-528 (1) The Legislature may allocate money from the
10 Information Technology Infrastructure Fund for enterprise projects.
11 The Legislature may recognize multiple-year commitments for large
12 projects, subject to available appropriations, including remaining
13 obligations for the century date change project managed by the
14 department.

15 (2) No contract or expenditure for the implementation
16 of an enterprise project may be initiated unless the commission
17 has approved a project plan. The project plan shall include,
18 but not be limited to, the objectives, scope, and justification
19 of the project; detailed specifications and analyses that guide
20 the project from beginning to conclusion; technical requirements;
21 and project management. The commission may request clarification,
22 require changes, or provide conditional approval of a project
23 plan. In its review, the commission shall determine whether
24 the objectives, scope, timeframe, and budget of the project are
25 consistent with the proposal authorized by the Legislature in its

1 allocation from the fund.

2 (3) The commission may also evaluate whether the project
3 plan is consistent with the statewide technology plan and the
4 commission's technical standards and guidelines.

5 ~~(4) Pursuant to section 86-520, the Chief Information~~
6 ~~Officer shall report the status of enterprise projects to the~~
7 ~~commission, Governor, and Legislature. In addition, the Chief~~
8 ~~Information Officer shall provide the Legislature a semiannual~~
9 ~~progress report for enterprise projects funded through the fund.~~

10 Sec. 10. Section 86-529, Revised Statutes Cumulative
11 Supplement, 2006, is amended to read:

12 86-529 To implement enterprise projects pursuant to
13 sections 86-525 to 86-530, the commission shall:

14 (1) Develop procedures and issue guidelines regarding
15 the review, approval, and monitoring of enterprise projects; ~~that~~
16 ~~benefit from the Information Technology Infrastructure Fund, and~~

17 (2) ~~Monitor~~ Coordinate with the Chief Information Officer
18 to monitor the status of enterprise projects, implemented under
19 ~~the Information Technology Infrastructure Act,~~ including a complete
20 accounting of all project costs by fund source.

21 Sec. 11. Section 86-530, Revised Statutes Cumulative
22 Supplement, 2006, is amended to read:

23 86-530 The ~~commission~~ Chief Information Officer shall
24 report annually to the Governor and the Appropriations Committee
25 of the Legislature ~~concerning its activities pursuant to the~~

1 ~~Information Technology Infrastructure Act.~~ on the status of
2 enterprise projects.

3 Sec. 12. Section 86-552, Revised Statutes Cumulative
4 Supplement, 2006, is amended to read:

5 86-552 For purposes of the Intergovernmental Data
6 Services Program Act, the definitions found in sections ~~86-553~~
7 86-554 to 86-561 apply.

8 Sec. 13. Section 86-562, Revised Statutes Cumulative
9 Supplement, 2006, is amended to read:

10 86-562 The purpose of the system is to allow for
11 the efficient operation of state government and its political
12 subdivisions. In managing and allocating resources on the system,
13 the ~~administrator~~ officer shall assign first priority to providing
14 capacity for statewide applications that are essential to carrying
15 out the duties of state agencies in an efficient and effective
16 manner. The system may also serve local data processing needs of
17 political subdivisions, provide citizens with a point of access to
18 governmental services and information, and serve other state and
19 local needs, subject to available resources.

20 Sec. 14. Section 86-563, Revised Statutes Cumulative
21 Supplement, 2006, is amended to read:

22 86-563 In establishing and maintaining the system:

23 (1) The division:

24 (a) Shall provide the computer network and services for
25 the system with assistance from the division of communications of

1 the office;

2 (b) Shall, within available resources, assist the
3 ~~Intergovernmental Data Communications Advisory Council, the~~
4 ~~Geographic Information System Steering Committee, and other~~ local,
5 state, and federal collaborative efforts to encourage coordination
6 of information systems and data sharing;

7 (c) Shall coordinate its activities and responsibilities
8 with the functions of the division of communications to minimize
9 overlap and duplication of technical services between the divisions
10 in supporting the system, its applications, and application
11 development; and

12 (d) May undertake and coordinate planning studies to
13 determine the feasibility, benefits, costs, requirements, and
14 options for the intergovernmental transfer of data;

15 (2) The ~~administrator~~ officer:

16 (a) Shall approve and coordinate the design, development,
17 installation, training, and maintenance of applications by state
18 agencies for use on the system. Any agency proposing to add
19 an application to the system shall submit an evaluation to
20 the ~~administrator~~ officer that examines the cost-effectiveness,
21 technical feasibility, and potential use of the proposed
22 application; that identifies the total costs of the application,
23 including design, development, testing, installation, operation,
24 and any changes to the computer network that are necessary for its
25 operation; and that provides a schedule that shows the estimated

1 completion dates for design, development, testing, installation,
2 training, and full operational status. The ~~administrator~~ officer
3 shall not approve an application by a state agency for use on the
4 system unless his or her review shows that the application is cost
5 effective and technically feasible, that funding is available, and
6 that the proposed schedule is reasonable and feasible;

7 (b) Shall approve changes in the design of applications
8 by state agencies for use on the system. The ~~administrator~~ officer
9 may require such information from the agency as necessary to
10 determine that the proposed change in design is cost effective
11 and technically feasible, that funding is available, and that the
12 proposed schedule for implementation is reasonable and feasible;

13 (c) May ~~with the approval of the officer~~, contract with
14 other governmental entities or private vendors in carrying out the
15 duties relating to the intergovernmental data services program;

16 (d) Shall ~~in cooperation with the division of~~
17 ~~communications~~, establish a rate schedule that reflects the rates
18 adopted by the division of communications and the information
19 management services division, plus any additional costs of the
20 system. Such fees may reflect a base cost for access to the system,
21 costs for actual usage of the system, costs for special equipment
22 or services, or a combination of these factors. The ~~administrator~~
23 officer may charge for the costs of changes to the system that are
24 requested by or are necessary to accommodate a request by a user.
25 All fees shall be set to recover all costs of operation;

1 (e) ~~May~~ ~~with the approval of the officer~~ enter into
2 agreements with other state and local governments, the federal
3 government, or private-sector entities for the purpose of sale,
4 lease, or licensing for third-party resale of applications and
5 system design. Proceeds from such agreements shall be deposited to
6 the Data Systems Cash Fund;

7 (f) Shall determine whether a local application shall be
8 a component of the system. No local application shall be resident
9 or operational in any component of the system without explicit
10 authorization of the ~~administrator~~ officer; and

11 (g) Shall approve or disapprove the attachment of any
12 peripheral device to the system and may prescribe standards and
13 specifications that such devices must meet; and

14 ~~(h) Shall provide assistance as requested by the Nebraska~~
15 ~~Information Technology Commission to support the technical panel~~
16 ~~created in section 86-521~~;

17 (3) The officer and ~~administrator~~ shall be responsible
18 for the proper operation of the system, applications, and
19 peripheral devices purchased or developed by the expenditure of
20 state funds. The ownership of such system, applications, and
21 peripheral devices shall be vested with the state; and

22 (4) All communications and telecommunications services
23 for the intergovernmental data services program and the system
24 shall be secured from the division of communications.

25 Sec. 15. Section 86-564, Revised Statutes Cumulative

1 Supplement, 2006, is amended to read:

2 86-564 (1) The ~~administrator~~ officer shall submit as
3 part of the biennial budget request of the office a listing of
4 all applications submitted for consideration, cost estimates for
5 development, testing, and full operation of each application, a
6 recommended priority listing of the applications for which an
7 evaluation is completed, and funding recommendations by application
8 contained within the budget request for the division. All
9 application estimates and requests shall be scheduled over ensuing
10 fiscal years such that annual projected costs and completion of
11 application phases to the point of fully operational status can be
12 clearly determined. Local applications shall not be subject to the
13 provisions of this subsection.

14 (2) All development costs for approved new applications
15 shall be budgeted and appropriated to the division or to
16 participating state agencies at the discretion of the Legislature.
17 Agencies may independently request appropriations for such
18 application development, however such requests shall be subject
19 to the review and prioritization set forth in subdivision (2)(a)
20 of section 86-563, and at such time as the application becomes
21 an authorized application and funded by the Legislature, the
22 cost of such development shall be appropriated to the division
23 or to participating state agencies. To the extent possible, if
24 office cash or revolving funds or federal funds may be used
25 for application development, such funds may be transferred to

1 the division and expended for application development in order
2 to properly account for all costs associated with application
3 development.

4 Sec. 16. Section 86-565, Revised Statutes Cumulative
5 Supplement, 2006, is amended to read:

6 86-565 The ~~administrator~~ officer may adopt and promulgate
7 rules, regulations, guidelines, and procedures to carry out
8 sections 86-563 and 86-564.

9 Sec. 17. Section 86-569, Revised Statutes Cumulative
10 Supplement, 2006, is amended to read:

11 86-569 (1) The Legislature finds that ~~the~~ Geographic
12 Information System ~~is~~ Systems are a computer-based technology that
13 captures, stores, analyzes, and displays information about the
14 earth's surface from a geographically referenced ~~system,~~ systems,
15 that an interest in the ~~system~~ systems is rapidly increasing at all
16 levels of government, and that an institutional mechanism is needed
17 to encourage initiatives, coordinate efforts, avoid duplication,
18 seek efficiencies, develop guidelines, policies, and standards for
19 operations and management, promote education and training, and make
20 recommendations so that such technology will benefit the entire
21 state and endure as an analysis tool for decisionmakers.

22 ~~(2) The Intergovernmental Data Communications Advisory~~
23 ~~Council has found that there are many levels of experience,~~
24 ~~expertise, and hardware and software sophistication among the~~
25 ~~various levels of government and that guidelines, policies,~~

1 ~~coordination, and standards are required to realize the maximum~~
 2 ~~benefits of this technology, avoid data quality problems, and~~
 3 ~~resolve conflicts at a reasonable cost for the state.~~

4 ~~(3)~~ (2) It is the intent of the Legislature that a
 5 Geographic Information ~~System Steering Committee~~ Systems Council
 6 be created with statewide responsibilities to take an active
 7 role in implementing the Geographic Information ~~System~~. Systems.
 8 Such ~~committee~~ council would help facilitate acquisition of such
 9 technology at all levels of government and make recommendations
 10 to the Legislature for program initiatives and funding and the
 11 fostering of communication, training, and education.

12 (3) It is the intent of the Legislature that the
 13 Geographic Information Systems Council serve as an advisory council
 14 to the Nebraska Information Technology Commission and assist the
 15 commission in its overall information technology planning and
 16 oversight and provide technical advice and recommendations related
 17 to the specialized needs of Geographic Information Systems.

18 Sec. 18. Section 86-570, Revised Statutes Supplement,
 19 2007, is amended to read:

20 86-570 (1) The Geographic Information ~~System Steering~~
 21 ~~Committee~~ Systems Council is hereby created and shall consist of:
 22 ~~nineteen members as follows:~~

23 (a) The Chief Information Officer or his or her designee
 24 and the director or designee of the Department of Environmental
 25 Quality, the Department of Health and Human Services, the

1 Conservation and Survey Division of the University of Nebraska, the
2 Department of Natural Resources, and the Governor's Policy Research
3 Office;

4 (b) The Director-State Engineer or designee;

5 (c) The State Surveyor or designee;

6 (d) The Clerk of the Legislature or designee;

7 (e) The secretary of the Game and Parks Commission or
8 designee;

9 (f) The Property Tax Administrator or designee;

10 (g) One representative of federal agencies appointed by
11 the Governor;

12 (h) One representative of the natural resources districts
13 nominated by the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts and
14 appointed by the Governor;

15 (i) One representative of the public power districts
16 appointed by the Governor;

17 (j) Two representatives of the counties nominated by
18 the Nebraska Association of County Officials and appointed by the
19 Governor;

20 (k) One representative of the municipalities nominated
21 by the League of Nebraska Municipalities and appointed by the
22 Governor; and

23 (l) Two members at large appointed by the Governor; and-

24 (m) Such other members as nominated by the Nebraska
25 Information Technology Commission and appointed by the Governor.

1 (2) The appointed members shall serve ~~for~~ terms of
2 four years~~,~~ except that of the initial members appointed by the
3 Governor~~,~~ one of the representatives of the counties shall be
4 appointed for one year and the other shall be appointed for three
5 years~~,~~ one of the members at large shall be appointed for one
6 year and the other for three years~~,~~ and the representative of the
7 public power districts shall be appointed for two years. Their
8 successors shall be appointed for four-year terms. Any vacancy
9 on the committee shall be filled in the same manner as the
10 original appointment~~,~~ and the person selected to fill such vacancy
11 shall have the same qualifications as the member whose vacancy is
12 being filled. as determined by the Nebraska Information Technology
13 Commission.

14 (3) The members shall be reimbursed for their actual and
15 necessary expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.

16 Sec. 19. Section 86-571, Revised Statutes Cumulative
17 Supplement, 2006, is amended to read:

18 86-571 (1) The Geographic Information System Steering
19 ~~Committee~~ Systems Council shall elect a chairperson from its
20 members and such other officers as the ~~committee~~ council deems
21 necessary.

22 (2) As the need arises, advisory committees may be
23 established by the ~~committee~~ council from various levels of
24 government, industry, or the general public to assist the
25 ~~committee.~~ council. The members of advisory committees shall be

1 reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses as provided in
2 sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.

3 (3) The ~~committee~~ council shall meet quarterly or upon
4 the call of the chairperson.

5 Sec. 20. Section 86-572, Revised Statutes Cumulative
6 Supplement, 2006, is amended to read:

7 86-572 The Geographic Information ~~System~~ Steering
8 ~~Committee~~ Systems Council shall:

9 (1) Make recommendations to the Legislature and the
10 Nebraska Information Technology Commission for program initiatives
11 and funding;

12 (2) Establish guidelines and policies for statewide
13 Geographic Information ~~System~~ Systems operations and management
14 to include:

15 (a) The acquisition, development, maintenance, quality
16 assurance such as ~~quality control~~ standards, access, ownership,
17 cost recovery, and priorities of data bases;

18 (b) The compatibility, acquisition, and communications of
19 hardware and software;

20 (c) The assessment of needs, identification of scope,
21 setting of standards, and determination of an appropriate
22 enforcement mechanism;

23 (d) The fostering of training programs and promoting
24 education and information about ~~the Geographic Information System,~~
25 Systems; and

1 (e) The promoting of ~~the~~ Geographic Information ~~System~~
2 Systems development in the State of Nebraska and providing or
3 coordinating additional support to address Geographic Information
4 ~~System~~ Systems issues as such issues arise;

5 (3) Report to, assist, and advise the Chief Information
6 Officer in setting information technology policy; and

7 (4) Provide assistance as requested by the ~~Nebraska~~
8 ~~Information Technology Commission~~ to commission and support the
9 technical panel created in section 86-521.

10 Sec. 21. Section 86-573, Revised Statutes Cumulative
11 Supplement, 2006, is amended to read:

12 86-573 ~~Annually,~~ the chairperson of the Geographic
13 ~~Information System Steering Committee~~ shall submit a written
14 ~~report,~~ approved by the committee, to the Governor and the Clerk
15 of the Legislature and shall send a copy of such report to the
16 ~~Intergovernmental Data Communications Advisory Council.~~

17 The Geographic Information Systems Council shall provide
18 a report of its activities to the Nebraska Information Technology
19 Commission for inclusion in the biannual progress report submitted
20 to the Governor and the Legislature by the commission pursuant to
21 section 86-518.

22 Sec. 22. Original sections 86-501, 86-506, 86-516,
23 86-520, 86-521, 86-526, 86-527, 86-528, 86-529, 86-530, 86-552,
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25 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006, and section 86-570,

1 Revised Statutes Supplement, 2007, are repealed.

2 Sec. 23. The following sections are outright repealed:

3 Sections 86-531, 86-532, 86-533, 86-534, 86-535, 86-536, 86-537,

4 86-538, 86-539, 86-540, 86-541, 86-542, 86-543, 86-544, 86-545,

5 86-546, 86-547, 86-548, 86-549, and 86-553, Revised Statutes

6 Cumulative Supplement, 2006.