



1 High-volume, Basic Computing Systems (HVBCs), and the potential cost savings from, and  
2 potential consequences of, employing other HVBCs available in the marketplace; and

3 WHEREAS, the study should focus on the operations supported by existing HVBCs,  
4 including the state's need to conduct those operations in a reliable, secure, scalable and  
5 end-user-friendly manner; and

6 WHEREAS, for existing HVBCs, the study should focus on employee costs,  
7 one-time charges, recurring charges, average maintenance charges associated with the  
8 components of an HVBC, and system maintenance and support performed by state  
9 employees or contract providers; and

10 WHEREAS, an assessment needs to be made of the overall value of existing HVBCs  
11 to the state; whether HVBCs of comparable capacity and performance characteristics are  
12 available in the marketplace and, if not, in what manner the marketplace is failing to offer  
13 such comparable systems; and whether there exist HVBCs that might provide the state  
14 overall value comparable to, less than, or greater than existing HVBCs; and

15 WHEREAS, "Overall Value" can be measured in terms of such factors total cost of  
16 ownership, the quality of hardware, software or services to be delivered by support  
17 personnel, and if outsourced, contractor's responsiveness and account service record, and a  
18 contractor's willingness to share risk; and

19 WHEREAS, study elements must also include if comparable HVBCs exist in the  
20 marketplace, what good-faith estimates exist for cost components or the feasibility of having  
21 system maintenance and support functions performed by state employees or outsourced; and

22 WHEREAS, for the report to have maximum effectiveness, it should include  
23 solicited public comments from major stakeholders; relevant case studies, including any  
24 cost-savings cited in those case studies; descriptions of any limitations the state may face in  
25 hiring operational personnel, HVBC support engineers, or technicians; as well as a  
26 description of the overall value of different HVBCs studied, and be performed in a timely  
27 manner.

28 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Legislature of Louisiana hereby urges and  
29 requests the chief information officer within the division of administration to study the state's  
30 current use of, reliance on, and costs of High-volume, Basic Computing Systems (HVBCs),

1 and the potential cost savings from, and potential consequences of, employing other HVBCs  
2 available in the marketplace.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chief information officer of the division of  
4 administration report his findings within six months of the commencement of the study to  
5 the legislature and the governor.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jay R. Lueckel.

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