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Short Title: State Computer Equipment/Buy Refurbished. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Saine, Horn, and Cotham (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to: Government.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT RELATED TO THE PURCHASING OF REFURBISHED COMPUTER
3 EQUIPMENT AS A METHOD OF ACQUISITION FOR STATE AND LOCAL
4 GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Definitions. – The following definitions apply in this act:

- 7 (1) Computer equipment. – Any desktop computer, notebook or laptop
8 computer, monitor or video display unit for a computer system, and the
9 keyboard, mice, other peripheral equipment, and a printing device such as a
10 printer, a scanner, a combination print-scanner-fax machine, or other device
11 designed to produce hard paper copies from a computer.
- 12 (2) Computer equipment refurbisher. – A person in the business of restoring
13 pre-owned computer equipment to original equipment standards, meeting the
14 manufacturers' warranty requirements and any software licensing
15 requirements.
- 16 (3) Registered computer equipment refurbisher. – A person certified by the
17 original equipment manufacturer to restore pre-owned computer equipment
18 to original equipment standards meeting the manufacturers' warranty
19 requirements, and any software licensing requirements, in accordance with
20 the manufacturers' and software makers' official refurbisher programs.
- 21 (4) Refurbished computer equipment. – Computer equipment that has been
22 reformatted to remove any preexisting software and data, and then cleaned,
23 repaired, inspected, and tested as necessary to ensure that the equipment has
24 been restored to "like new" full functionality that meets or exceeds the
25 manufacturers' original equipment standards and warranty requirements.
- 26 (5) State and local governmental entities. – The executive, legislative, and
27 judicial branches of government; any local political subdivisions of the
28 State; community colleges; local boards of educations; and The University
29 of North Carolina.

30 **SECTION 2.** The Office of the State Chief Information Officer and the
31 Department of Administration, with the administrative support of the Information Technology
32 Procurement Office, shall offer State and local governmental entities the option of purchasing
33 refurbished computer equipment from registered computer equipment refurbishers whenever
34 most appropriate to meet the needs of State and local governmental entities.



1 State and local governmental entities shall document savings resulting from the
2 purchase of the refurbished computer equipment, including, but not limited to, the initial
3 acquisition cost as well as operations and maintenance costs. These savings shall be reported
4 quarterly to the Office of the State Chief Information Officer.

5 The Information Technology Procurement Office shall administer the refurbished
6 computer equipment program by establishing a competitive purchasing process to support this
7 initiative that meets all State information technology procurement laws and procedures and
8 ensures that agencies receive the best value.

9 Participating computer equipment refurbishers must meet all procurement
10 requirements established by the Office of the State Chief Information Officer and the
11 Department of Administration.

12 **SECTION 3.** Refurbished computer equipment purchased under this act must
13 conform to the same standards as the State may establish as to the configuration and
14 specification requirements for the purchase of new computers.

15 **SECTION 4.** The Office of the State Chief Information Officer shall maintain data
16 on equipment reliability, potential cost savings, and any issues associated with the refurbished
17 computer equipment initiative and shall report the results of the initiative to the Joint
18 Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology and the Fiscal Research Division
19 by March 1, 2014, and then quarterly thereafter.

20 **SECTION 5.** This act is effective when it becomes law.