

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2013**

**HOUSE BILL 289
RATIFIED BILL**

**AN ACT RELATED TO THE PURCHASING OF REFURBISHED COMPUTER
EQUIPMENT AS A METHOD OF ACQUISITION FOR STATE AND LOCAL
GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 13th day of June, 2013.

s/ Daniel J. Forest
President of the Senate

s/ Thom Tillis
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Pat McCrory
Governor

Approved _____m. this _____ day of _____, 2013