1  **Request for access to data.** Amends the section of the government data practices act dealing with requests for access to public data. Defines "inspection" for this section to include visual inspection of data on paper. For data stored electronically, the term includes on-line access and the ability to print or down-load the data being accessed. Requires the public to bear the costs of on-line access for purposes of inspection.

   When a person requests copies, the government may charge only the marginal cost of transmission, unless a statute authorizes an additional fee. "Marginal cost: is defined to mean actual cost of making copies excluding labor, overhead, or development costs. Under current law, government entities may charge the actual costs of searching for and retrieving data, including employee time, as well as the cost of making, certifying, compiling and electronically transmitting data.

   Strikes current law allowing a government entity, in the case of public data with commercial value that is part of a formula, program, database, or system developed with significant public expenditures, to charge a reasonable fee for the information. Provides in stead that the government must, if it reasonably can, make a copy of computerized information and charge only the marginal cost of doing so.

2  **Copyright of computer programmed government data.** Allows a government entity to copyright computer software or components of a program. Prohibits a government entity from copyrighting any other type of government data without legislative approval.

   Current law provides that nothing stops a government entity from copyrighting computer software and program components and does not address any other copyright issues.