Overview

Provides that the state shall use private sector vendors to provide most telecommunications services and equipment to state agencies. Provides that when services are available from the private sector, the state shall not purchase, own, or lease any telecommunications network facilities or equipment, except for customer premises equipment.

1  **Operation of information systems.** Provides that the commissioner of administration is responsible for administering, instead of "operation of" the state information infrastructure.

2  **Telecommunication.** Provides that the commissioner of administration is responsible for supervising and controlling the *leasing* of state telecommunication services, rather than supervising and controlling these facilities.

3  **State information infrastructure.**

   Provides findings and policy:
   
   government provision of telecommunication services in competition with the private sector is contrary to state policy.
   
   To the extent services are available from the private sector, it is state policy not to purchase, own, or lease telecommunication network services, and to lease telecommunications services from the private sector.
   
   The state is urged to encourage growth of the private sector in telecommunications and not to restrict market opportunities for the private sector.

   Provides that the state may provide only those telecommunication services that are not available through the private sector.

   States that this section does not preclude the state from purchasing, owning, or leasing customer premises equipment.

   Provides that the state shall arrange for, rather than provide, telecommunications transmission...
services to state agencies and other entities. Except when private sector services are not available, forbids the state from purchasing, owning, or leasing any telecommunications network facilities or equipment, and provides that the state shall lease the related services from the private sector. Defines "state information infrastructure as the network facilities and telecommunications services provided through contracts administered by the commissioner. Provides that the commissioner shall negotiate and administer leases, rather than provide, certain telecommunications services. Requires the commissioner to develop a plan for phasing out the provision of telecommunications services and network operations, and to develop and implement a plan by June 30, 2000 for phasing out ownership of telecommunications network equipment owned by the state.

Permits the commissioner to assist other entities in identifying, purchasing, or leasing their customer premises equipment.

Requires the commissioner to secure bids or proposals from private sector vendors to service the needs of state agencies and others. Permits other entities to seek services directly from private vendors, without participation of the commissioner.

Provides that law requirement involvement of the office of technology in information and communications project does not apply to telecommunications under this section.

4 Reference. Technical change in reference.

5 Effective date. Provides that the act is effective the day following final enactment, but does not affect any valid contracts in effect on that day.