

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MADAM PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 818: Statewide scientific information; extend deadline for strategic plan for statewide scientific information management system.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 SECTION 1. Section 49-37-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 49-37-9. (1) Only in the event that the Mississippi
10 Scientific Information Management System Coordinating Council is
11 funded pursuant to appropriation by the Mississippi State
12 Legislature, the council shall develop and prepare a strategic
13 plan for the development and implementation of a statewide
14 scientific information management system. In the event that the
15 Mississippi State Legislature does not appropriate funds for the
16 support of the council for Fiscal Year 2002, any contracts or
17 instruments executed in connection with such a strategic plan
18 shall be invalid to the extent that there is no funding for the
19 effectuation of such contracts or instruments.

20 (2) If a strategic plan is developed in accordance with
21 subsection (1), it shall include, but not be limited to, the
22 following:

23 (a) A detailed analysis of the sources, types, amounts
24 and methods by which scientific information is currently collected
25 in the state and of methods or systems currently used to manage
26 that scientific information;

27 (b) An identification of the current costs of
28 collection, management, analysis, updating, use and dissemination
29 of scientific information in the state with particular emphasis on
30 costs to state agencies;

31 (c) A description of current efforts by agencies and
32 organizations collecting scientific information to provide broad
33 access to that information;

34 (d) An identification of planned scientific information
35 management programs and needs and an evaluation of how those
36 planned programs or needs may be met or integrated into the
37 statewide scientific information management system;

38 (e) A clearly-defined, comprehensive statement of the
39 mission, goals and objectives of the statewide scientific
40 information management system;

41 (f) A detailed analysis of the benefits and
42 capabilities of a statewide scientific information management
43 system;

44 (g) A plan for the development and implementation of a
45 statewide scientific information management system in a phased
46 manner;

47 (h) A timeline for the development and implementation
48 of a statewide scientific information management system;

49 (i) A detailed analysis and estimate of the costs for
50 development and implementation of the statewide scientific
51 information management system and a recommended method for funding
52 the development and implementation of the system; * * *

53 (j) A recommendation of appropriate policies and

54 standards for use in management of scientific information and for
55 providing access to that information;

56 (k) An analysis of information accuracy and quality
57 issues, ease of access issues, training and technical support
58 issues and interagency coordination issues; and

59 (l) Any other information the coordinating council
60 deems appropriate.

61 (3) If a strategic plan is developed in accordance with
62 subsection (1), upon its completion, the coordinating council
63 shall provide copies to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the
64 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairmen of the
65 Senate Environmental Protection, Conservation and Water Resources
66 Committee and the Senate Appropriations Committee, the Chairmen of
67 the House Conservation and Water Resources Committee and the House
68 Appropriations Committee, the Legislative Budget Office, the
69 Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review Committee and the
70 Legislative Reference Bureau.

71 (4) The provisions of this section shall be repealed from
72 and after July 1, 2002.

73 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
74 and after its passage.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-37-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT THE STATEWIDE SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION MANAGEMENT
3 SYSTEM STRATEGIC PLAN SHALL BE DEVELOPED AND PREPARED ONLY IN THE
4 EVENT THAT THE MISSISSIPPI SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION MANAGEMENT
5 SYSTEM COORDINATING COUNCIL IS FUNDED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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