PROGRAM EVALUATION DIVISION
NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Review of the Feasibility Study for Coordinating Operations of the North Carolina Research and Education Network and the State Network Infrastructure

Summary

The General Assembly directed the Office of Information Technology Services (ITS) and the Microelectronics Center of North Carolina (MCNC) to study the feasibility of coordinating operations of the North Carolina Research and Education Network and the State network infrastructure to identify efficiencies and cost savings through increased cooperation and elimination of duplicative efforts by May 1, 2010.[1] The General Assembly further directed the Program Evaluation Division and Fiscal Research Division to verify the efficiencies and cost savings identified in the feasibility study. Subsequent legislation extended the report deadline to December 1, 2010.[2]

In December 2010, ITS concluded that further coordination with MCNC would hamper current efforts to improve efficiencies in information technology. As a result, no further collaboration between ITS and MCNC is being pursued at this time. Instead, the two entities have continued working jointly on six projects for Fiscal Year 2011–12.

The Program Evaluation Division has no recommendations.

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[1] 2009 N.C. Sess. Laws 2009-451, Section 6.13
[2] 2010 N.C. Sess. Laws 2010-31, Section 6.13