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Senate Bill 1409 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Bruce Patterson
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Records Media Act to do the following:

- Expand the media that may be used to store and reproduce government records, by including data transfer, digitization, digital migration, magnetic media, and printing.
- Allow the Department of History, Arts, and Libraries (HAL) to approve new storage media.
- Authorize HAL to adopt technical standards, issue directives, and promulgate rules.
- Prohibit a governmental entity or official from using microreproduction, digitization, or digital migration until HAL adopted a standard, issued a directive, or promulgated a rule governing the method or medium.
- Require the State Historical Records Advisory Board to approve, disapprove, or revise a proposed technical standard.
- Allow HAL to enter into a pilot agreement with a governmental entity to test new media.
- Provide that a record reproduced under the Act would have the same force and effect as the original or a paper copy.
- Rename the Act as the "Records Reproduction Act".

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have an indeterminate fiscal impact. Costs for State and local governments would depend on the level of usage and the condition and size of documents, as well as vendor selection.

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