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House Bill 5550 (Substitute S-2 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)  
Sponsor: Representative Rich Brown  
House Committee: Local Government and Urban Policy  
Senate Committee: Technology and Energy

### **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, or any other reproduction method or medium approved by the Department of History, Arts, and Libraries (HAL) under the Act.
- Allow 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, digital imaging, or digital migration until HAL adopted a standard, issued a directive, or promulgated a rule governing the method or medium.
- Allow HAL to enter into a pilot agreement with a governmental entity to test new media.

The bill is tie-barred to Senate Bill 1409, which provides that a record reproduced under the Act would have the same force and effect as the original or a paper copy, and House Bill 5657, which would require HAL to seek advice and comment from the Department of Information Technology and representatives from local government and the information technology industry before submitting a proposed technical standard to the State Historical Records Advisory Board, and require the State Historical Records Advisory Board to approve, disapprove, or revise a proposed technical standard within 60 days of receiving it from HAL.

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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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