HB 2279 -- STATE USE OF TECHNOLOGY

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This bill enables the Chief Operating Officer, or the Commissioner of Operations and Administration in the absence of the Chief Operating Officer, to waive state competitive bidding requirements when purchasing innovative technology. In lieu of competitive bidding, applicants may submit solution briefs with specified requirements through a two tiered approval process. External market research firms may be retained to evaluate solution briefs and their applicants. Private advisors may also be employed to evaluate solution briefs provided that they sign a nondisclosure agreement. Any document submitted as part of the solution brief application process shall not be considered a public document if certain disclaimers are provided.