

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 60th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 1203
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Impact:	See Analysis Below

Research Analysis

The floor substitute for HB1203 creates the Strategic Bitcoin Reserve Act. The act provides authorization to the State Treasurer to invest up to five percent of the funds in the State General Fund, Revenue Stabilization Fund and Constitutional Reserve Fund in bitcoin, digital assets with a market cap over \$500 billion, and stable coins. For digital assets purchases, the Treasurer must use a qualified custodian to hold the assets or purchase an exchange-traded product (ETP) issued by a registered investment company. For stable coin purchases, the coins must have regulatory approval from the United States or a state of the United States.

The act also extends the authorization to purchase digital assets to state retirement plans. A state retirement plan can only purchase digital assets through an ETP and cannot invest more than five percent of its fund value in digital assets.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FLOOR SUBSTITUTE AND INTRODUCED VERSION:

The floor substitute limits investment in these assets at 5 five percent of the fund value. The floor substitute also requires the Treasurer and retirement funds to hold the digital asset through the purchase of an ETP or qualified custodian, instead of a direct holding.

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Fiscal Analysis

The floor amendment to HB 1203 does not materially alter the prior fiscal impact statement. The State Treasurer will still require additional FTE at approximately \$200,000 recurring and a certain third-party service.

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Other Considerations

None.