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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Electronic Government Initiative**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management to ~~establish a~~  
4 implement a certain time line for certain units of the Executive Branch of State  
5 government to make information and services available to the public over the  
6 Internet; providing for certain exceptions; requiring the Secretary to establish  
7 certain guidelines; requiring certain units of the Executive Branch to submit  
8 certain plans; requiring the Chief of Information Technology to review certain  
9 plans; requiring the statewide information technology master plan to include  
10 standards to assure nonvisual access to information and services made available  
11 to the public over the Internet under certain circumstances; and generally  
12 relating to State information technology policies.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article - State Finance and Procurement  
15 Section 3-401(b), 3-403, and 3-410  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

1 **Article - State Finance and Procurement**

2 3-401.

3 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, except as provided in  
4 subsection (a) of this section AND § 3-403(C) OF THIS SUBTITLE, this subtitle applies to  
5 all units of the Executive Branch of State government including public institutions of  
6 higher education other than the University System of Maryland.

7 3-403.

8 (a) The Secretary is responsible for developing, maintaining, revising, and  
9 enforcing information technology policies and standards.

10 (b) The Secretary shall develop a statewide information technology master  
11 plan.

12 (C) (1) ~~THE SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH~~ IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING  
13 TIME LINE FOR UNITS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT TO  
14 MAKE INFORMATION AND SERVICES AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC OVER THE  
15 INTERNET:

16 (I) 50% BY CALENDAR YEAR 2002;

17 (II) 65% BY CALENDAR YEAR 2003; AND

18 (III) 80% BY CALENDAR YEAR 2004.

19 (2) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF  
20 HIGHER EDUCATION.

21 (3) THE SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH GUIDELINES TO IMPLEMENT  
22 THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION.

23 [(c)] (D) Except as provided in subsection [(d)] (E) of this section, in  
24 accordance with guidelines established by the Secretary, each unit of the Executive  
25 Branch of State government shall develop and submit to the Secretary:

26 (1) information technology policies and standards; [and]

27 (2) an information technology plan; AND

28 (3) AN ANNUAL PROJECT PLAN OUTLINING THE STATUS OF EFFORTS TO  
29 COMPLY WITH SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.

30 [(d)] (E) The governing boards of the public institutions of higher education  
31 shall develop and submit information technology policies and standards and an  
32 information technology plan for their respective institutions or systems to the  
33 Secretary.

1 [(e)] (F) In the case of the plans, policies, and standards for the public  
2 institutions of higher education, the Secretary shall incorporate those submissions  
3 into the statewide plan, provided the submissions are consistent with the statewide  
4 plan. If the Secretary finds that the submissions are not consistent with the plan, the  
5 Secretary shall return the submissions to the governing boards, which shall revise the  
6 submissions as appropriate before resubmission to the Secretary.

7 [(f)] (G) Before carrying out the powers and duties provided by this section,  
8 the Secretary shall consult with the Comptroller.

9 3-410.

10 (a) The Chief of Information Technology is established within the Department.

11 (b) The Chief shall be appointed by the Secretary and serves at the Secretary's  
12 pleasure.

13 (c) The Chief shall be provided appropriate professional and administrative  
14 staff by the Secretary as provided in the budget.

15 (d) The Chief is responsible to the Secretary in carrying out the following  
16 duties:

17 (1) developing, maintaining, and enforcing statewide information  
18 technology standards, policies, and procedures;

19 (2) providing technical assistance, advice, and recommendations to the  
20 Secretary concerning information technology matters;

21 (3) reviewing major information technology projects for consistency with  
22 statewide plans, policies, and standards; [and]

23 (4) ~~REVIEWING AGENCY EACH UNIT'S ANNUAL PROJECT PLANS~~ PLAN TO  
24 MAKE INFORMATION AND SERVICES AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC OVER THE  
25 INTERNET; AND

26 [(4)] (5) developing and maintaining a statewide information technology  
27 master plan that will:

28 (i) be the basis for the management and direction of information  
29 technology within the Executive Branch of State government;

30 (ii) include all aspects of State information technology including  
31 telecommunications, data processing, and information management;

32 (iii) consider interstate transfers due to federal legislation and  
33 regulation;

34 (iv) ensure that information technology plans and budgets are  
35 consistent; ~~and~~

1 (v) ensure that State information technology plans, policies, and  
2 standards are consistent with State goals, objectives, and resources, and represent a  
3 long-range vision for using information technology to improve the overall  
4 effectiveness of State government; AND

5 (VI) INCLUDE STANDARDS TO ASSURE NONVISUAL ACCESS TO THE  
6 INFORMATION AND SERVICES MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC OVER THE  
7 INTERNET.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
9 effect July 1, 2000.