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By: **The President (Administration) and Senators Miller, Forehand,
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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; and generally relating to State information technology policies.

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

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

17 **Article - State Finance and Procurement**

18 3-401.

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

1 3-403.

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

4 (b) The Secretary shall develop a statewide information technology master
5 plan.

6 (C) (1) THE SECRETARY SHALL ~~ESTABLISH~~ IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING
7 TIME LINE FOR UNITS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT TO
8 MAKE INFORMATION AND SERVICES AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC OVER THE
9 INTERNET:

10 (I) 50% BY CALENDAR YEAR 2002;

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

12 (III) 80% BY CALENDAR YEAR 2004.

13 (2) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF
14 HIGHER EDUCATION.

15 (3) THE SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH GUIDELINES TO IMPLEMENT
16 THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION.

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

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

21 (2) an information technology plan; AND

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

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

28 [(e)] (F) In the case of the plans, policies, and standards for the public
29 institutions of higher education, the Secretary shall incorporate those submissions
30 into the statewide plan, provided the submissions are consistent with the statewide
31 plan. If the Secretary finds that the submissions are not consistent with the plan, the
32 Secretary shall return the submissions to the governing boards, which shall revise the
33 submissions as appropriate before resubmission to the Secretary.

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

1 3-410.

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

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

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

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

9 (1) developing, maintaining, and enforcing statewide information
10 technology standards, policies, and procedures;

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

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

15 (4) REVIEWING AGENCY EACH UNIT'S ANNUAL PROJECT PLANS PLAN TO
16 MAKE INFORMATION AND SERVICES AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC OVER THE
17 INTERNET; AND

18 [(4)] (5) developing and maintaining a statewide information technology
19 master plan that will:

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

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

24 (iii) consider interstate transfers due to federal legislation and
25 regulation;

26 (iv) ensure that information technology plans and budgets are
27 consistent; ~~and~~

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

32 (VI) INCLUDE STANDARDS TO ASSURE NONVISUAL ACCESS TO THE
33 INFORMATION AND SERVICES MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC OVER THE
34 INTERNET.

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