

processing equipment and associated services through the use of information processing master plans; and authorizing the Secretary of Budget and Fiscal Planning to delegate certain data-processing-functions procurement functions to the heads of other State agencies.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 15A - Budget and Fiscal Planning
Section 23B
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1981 Replacement Volume and 1982 Supplement)

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

Article 15A - Budget and Fiscal Planning

23B.

The Secretary, after consultation with the State Comptroller, shall be responsible for planning and controlling [data] INFORMATION processing in the several departments and agencies of the State government AND SHALL REVIEW AND HAVE APPROVAL AUTHORITY FOR INFORMATION PROCESSING MASTER PLANS. The Secretary shall continuously study the [data] INFORMATION processing function within the State in order to improve its efficiency and economy. All changes effected by any department or agency pertaining to [data] INFORMATION processing shall first be reviewed and approved by the Secretary for compatibility with existing INFORMATION PROCESSING MASTER PLANS AND CURRENT procedures and equipment. The purchase, lease, or rental of mechanical or electronic [data] INFORMATION processing equipment AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES for all State departments and agencies shall be reviewed and approved by the Secretary prior to the purchase, lease, or rental. HOWEVER, THE SECRETARY, BY RULE OR REGULATION, MAY DELEGATE ANY--OF--THESE--FUNCTIONS PROCUREMENT FUNCTIONS TO THE HEAD OF ANY OTHER STATE AGENCY WHICH HAS AN INFORMATION PROCESSING MASTER PLAN APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY AND SUCH PROCUREMENTS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THAT PLAN.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1983.

Approved May 10, 1983.
