

for information processing master plans. The Secretary shall continuously study the information processing function within the State in order to improve its efficiency and economy. All changes effected by any department or agency pertaining to 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 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 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.

(b) This section does not apply to changes pertaining to or to the purchase, lease, or rental of mechanical or electronic data or information processing equipment and related services by the University College of the University of Maryland for use in its overseas programs.

(c) (1) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO MECHANICAL OR ELECTRONIC INFORMATION PROCESSING EQUIPMENT AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES TO BE USED SOLELY FOR EDUCATIONAL ACADEMIC OR RESEARCH PURPOSES BY PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION OR THEIR GOVERNING BOARDS.

(2) PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND THEIR GOVERNING BOARDS MAY PURCHASE, LEASE, OR RENT MECHANICAL OR ELECTRONIC INFORMATION PROCESSING EQUIPMENT AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES TO BE USED SOLELY FOR EDUCATIONAL ACADEMIC OR RESEARCH PURPOSES WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE SECRETARY.

(3) MECHANICAL OR ELECTRONIC INFORMATION PROCESSING EQUIPMENT AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES, WHICH ARE TO BE USED IN WHOLE OR PART FOR ADMINISTRATIVE USE BY PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION OR THEIR GOVERNING BOARDS, DO NOT QUALIFY FOR THE PURPOSES OF PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1984.

Approved May 8, 1984.

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(Senate Bill 960)

AN ACT concerning