

BY adding to

Article - State Finance and Procurement
Section 3-402, 3-403, 3-404, 3-407, and 4-904
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1988 Replacement Volume and 1992 Supplement)

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

Article - State Finance and Procurement

3-401.

(a) This subtitle does not apply to changes relating to or the purchase, lease, or rental of ~~mechanical or electronic information processing equipment or associated services by the University College of the University of Maryland for use in University College overseas programs or by the Maryland Port Administration~~ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BY:

(1) THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SYSTEM FOR USE IN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OVERSEAS PROGRAMS;

(2) PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION SOLELY FOR ACADEMIC RESEARCH; OR

(3) THE MARYLAND PORT ADMINISTRATION.

[(b) (1) This subtitle does not apply to mechanical or electronic information processing equipment or associated services to be used solely for academic or research purposes by public institutions of higher education or their governing boards. This subtitle does apply to mechanical or electronic information processing equipment or associated services to be used in whole or part for administrative use 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 or associated services to be used solely for academic or research purposes without the approval of the Secretary.]

(B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THIS SUBTITLE APPLIES TO ALL UNITS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT INCLUDING THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SYSTEM AND ALL OTHER INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

[3-402.

(a) The Secretary is responsible for planning and controlling information processing in units of the Executive Branch of the State government.

(b) The Secretary shall review and has approval authority over information processing master plans of units of the Executive Branch of the State government.