

(c) Before carrying out the powers and duties conferred by this section, the Secretary shall consult with the Comptroller.]

3-402.

~~IN THIS SUBTITLE, "INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY" MEANS ALL ELECTRONIC INFORMATION PROCESSING HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE, INCLUDING:~~

- ~~(1) MAINTENANCE;~~
- ~~(2) TRANSMISSION METHODS, MEANS, AND MEDIA FOR VOICE, DATA, AND VIDEO;~~
- ~~(3) NETWORKS; AND~~
- ~~(4) ASSOCIATED CONSULTING SERVICES.~~

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY" MEANS ALL ELECTRONIC INFORMATION PROCESSING HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE, INCLUDING:

- (1) MAINTENANCE;
- (2) TELECOMMUNICATIONS; AND
- (3) ASSOCIATED CONSULTING SERVICES.

(C) "TELECOMMUNICATIONS" HAS THE MEANING PROVIDED IN § 4-901 OF THIS ARTICLE.

[3-403.

The Secretary shall continuously study the information processing function in the State government to improve the efficiency and economy of that function.]

3-403.

(A) THE SECRETARY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPING, MAINTAINING, REVISING, AND ENFORCING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POLICIES AND STANDARDS.

(B) THE SECRETARY SHALL DEVELOP A STATEWIDE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MASTER PLAN.

(C) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED BY THE SECRETARY, EACH UNIT OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT SHALL DEVELOP AND SUBMIT TO THE SECRETARY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POLICIES AND STANDARDS AND AN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PLAN.