

(b) The Chief shall be appointed by the [Governor] SECRETARY and [will serve] SERVES at the [Governor's] SECRETARY'S pleasure.

(c) The Chief shall be provided appropriate professional and administrative staff by the Secretary [of Budget and Fiscal Planning] as provided in the budget.

(d) [The Chief will have no operating responsibility for information technology functions.

(e) The Chief is responsible to the Secretary in carrying out the following duties:

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

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

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

(4) developing and maintaining a statewide information technology master plan that will:

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

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

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

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

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

#### Subtitle 7. Telecommunications.

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(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Telecommunication" means the transmission of information, images, pictures, voice or data by radio, video or other electronic or impulse means.

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(a) The Department shall: