

(IV) JANUARY 1, 2000;

(V) JANUARY 3, 2000;

(VI) JANUARY 10, 2000;

(VII) FEBRUARY 29, 2000;

(VIII) OCTOBER 10, 2000; AND

(IX) JANUARY 1, 2001.

~~(6)~~ (6) "INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM OR PRODUCT" INCLUDES ANY SOFTWARE, FIRMWARE, MICROCODE, HARDWARE, EMBEDDED CHIPS, OR OTHER SYSTEM OR, PRODUCT, OR PROCESS, OR ANY COMBINATION OF THOSE ITEMS, THAT CREATES, READS, WRITES, CALCULATES, COMPARES, SEQUENCES, OR OTHERWISE PROCESSES DATE DATA.

~~(6)~~ (7) (I) "LOCAL GOVERNMENT" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 5-301 OF THIS TITLE.

(II) "LOCAL GOVERNMENT" INCLUDES A COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AS DEFINED IN § 1-101 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.

~~(7)~~ (8) "STATE" MEANS THE STATE OF MARYLAND OR ANY OF ITS UNITS.

(9) "YEAR 2000-READY" MEANS ANY PRODUCT OR SERVICE THAT:

(I) RELIES UPON AN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM OR PRODUCT THAT INCLUDES DATE DATA;

(II) OPERATES IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE DESIGN REQUIREMENTS OR OTHER SPECIFICATION FOR THE PRODUCT OR SERVICE; AND

(III) DOES NOT CAUSE A Y2K DATE DATA PROBLEM.

(B) EXCEPT FOR A WRONGFUL DEATH, SURVIVAL, OR PERSONAL INJURY ACTION, THE STATE OR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR AN OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE OF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT IS IMMUNE FROM SUIT AND LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF A Y2K DATE DATA PROBLEM IF THE STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT HAS:

(1) PUBLISHED AND MADE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT A COMPLIANCE PLAN;

(2) BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 1999, ADOPTED A COMPLIANCE PLAN; AND

(3) BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1999, ~~CERTIFIED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, OR THE DESIGNEE OF EITHER OFFICER, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPLIANCE PLAN~~ COMPLETED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN ITS COMPLIANCE PLAN:

(I) INVENTORIED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS AND PRODUCTS TO ASSESS WHETHER THEY ARE YEAR 2000-READY;