

(c) "Chief" means the Chief of Information Technology.

(d) "Information technology" means all electronic information processing hardware and software, including:

- (1) maintenance;
- (2) telecommunications; and
- (3) associated consulting services.

(E) "INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES" MEANS INFORMATION PROVIDED BY ELECTRONIC MEANS BY OR ON BEHALF OF A UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT.

[(e)] (F) "Nonvisual access" means the ability, through keyboard control, synthesized speech, Braille, or other methods not requiring sight, to receive, use and manipulate information, and operate controls necessary to access information technology.

[(f)] (G) "Telecommunications" has the meaning provided in § 3-701 of this article.

[(g)] (H) "Resource sharing" means the utilization of a State resource by private industry in exchange for the provision to the State of a communication service or other consideration.

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(a) The Chief of Information Technology is established within the Department.

(b) The Chief shall be appointed by the Secretary and serves at the Secretary's pleasure.

(c) The Chief shall be provided appropriate professional and administrative staff by the Secretary as provided in the budget.

(d) 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;