

nonvisual access standards for the procurement of information technology and information technology services by units of State government and the use of electronic equipment by State employees and the public.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Finance and Procurement

Section 3-402, 3-410, 3-412, and 4-312

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1999 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**

3-402.

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

(b) "Board" means the Information Technology Board.

(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.

3-410.

(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.