

Senate Bill No. 197

AN ACT concerning

Electronic Government Initiative

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management to ~~establish a~~ implement a certain time line for certain units of the Executive Branch of State government to make information and services available to the public over the Internet; providing for certain exceptions; requiring the Secretary to establish certain guidelines; requiring certain units of the Executive Branch to submit certain plans; requiring the Chief of Information Technology to review certain plans; requiring the statewide information technology master plan to include standards to assure nonvisual access to information and services made available to the public over the Internet under certain circumstances; and generally relating to State information technology policies.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Finance and Procurement

Section 3-401(b), 3-403, and 3-410

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

3-401.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, except as provided in subsection (a) of this section AND § 3-403(C) OF THIS SUBTITLE, this subtitle applies to all units of the Executive Branch of State government including public institutions of higher education other than the University System of Maryland.

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) (1) THE SECRETARY SHALL ~~ESTABLISH~~ IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING TIME LINE FOR UNITS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE INFORMATION AND SERVICES AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC OVER THE INTERNET:

(I) 50% BY CALENDAR YEAR 2002;

(II) 65% BY CALENDAR YEAR 2003; AND