

(III) 80% BY CALENDAR YEAR 2004.

(2) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

(3) THE SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH GUIDELINES TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION.

[(c)] (D) Except as provided in subsection [(d)] (E) of this section, in accordance with guidelines established by the Secretary, each unit of the Executive Branch of State government shall develop and submit to the Secretary:

(1) information technology policies and standards; [and]

(2) an information technology plan; AND

(3) AN ANNUAL PROJECT PLAN OUTLINING THE STATUS OF EFFORTS TO COMPLY WITH SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.

[(d)] (E) The governing boards of the public institutions of higher education shall develop and submit information technology policies and standards and an information technology plan for their respective institutions or systems to the Secretary.

[(e)] (F) In the case of the plans, policies, and standards for the public institutions of higher education, the Secretary shall incorporate those submissions into the statewide plan, provided the submissions are consistent with the statewide plan. If the Secretary finds that the submissions are not consistent with the plan, the Secretary shall return the submissions to the governing boards, which shall revise the submissions as appropriate before resubmission to the Secretary.

[(f)] (G) Before carrying out the powers and duties provided by this section, the Secretary shall consult with the Comptroller.

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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;