

**Article - State Personnel and Pensions**

**SUBTITLE 8. TELECOMMUTING PILOT PROGRAM.**

2-801.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "PILOT PROGRAM" MEANS THE TELECOMMUTING PILOT PROGRAM.

(C) "TELECOMMUTING" MEANS USING TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY TO WORK AT A LOCATION OTHER THAN A TRADITIONAL OFFICE SETTING.

2-802.

(A) THE GOVERNOR SHALL REESTABLISH THE STATEWIDE TELECOMMUTING PILOT PROGRAM.

(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PILOT PROGRAM IS TO ALLOW STATE EMPLOYEES TO WORK AT A LOCATION OTHER THAN A STATE OFFICE THROUGH THE USE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY.

2-803.

THE SECRETARY SHALL:

(1) REINSTATE ANY GUIDELINES AND POLICIES PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED FOR THE FORMER PILOT PROGRAM TO ESTABLISH AND CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THE PILOT PROGRAM;

(2) ADOPT ANY NECESSARY GUIDELINES AND POLICIES TO ESTABLISH AND CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THE PILOT PROGRAM; AND

~~(3) ESTABLISH A STATE EMPLOYEE COMPUTER PURCHASING PROGRAM TO ALLOW TELECOMMUTING STATE EMPLOYEES TO PURCHASE COMPUTERS AT DISCOUNT PRICES OR THROUGH LOW INTEREST LOANS PROVIDED BY THE STATE EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION; AND~~

(4) (3) REQUIRE PARTICIPATING AGENCIES TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUTING STATE EMPLOYEES WITH COPIES OF RELEVANT AGENCY TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES AND REPORTS THAT ARE STORED ON COMPUTER DISK.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before October 1, 1999, the Secretary of Budget and Management shall submit a report to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, concerning the effect of the Pilot Program within each selected agency.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Budget and Management, for the purposes of review and comment, shall notify the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee upon the selection of the State agencies that will participate in this Pilot Program.