

Sec. 125.18. (A) There is hereby established the office of information technology housed within the department of administrative services. The office shall be under the supervision of a chief information officer to be appointed by the governor and subject to removal at the pleasure of the governor. The chief information officer shall serve as the director of the office.

(B) The director of the office of information technology shall advise the governor regarding the superintendence and implementation of statewide information technology policy.

(C) The director of the office of information technology shall lead, oversee, and direct state agency activities related to information technology development and use. In that regard, the director shall do all of the following:

(1) Coordinate and superintend statewide efforts to promote common use and development of technology by state agencies. The office of information technology shall establish policies and standards that govern and direct state agency participation in statewide programs and initiatives.

(2) Establish policies and standards for the acquisition and use of information technology by state agencies, including, but not limited to, hardware, software, technology services, and security, with which state agencies shall comply;

(3) Establish criteria and review processes to identify state agency information technology projects that require alignment or oversight. As appropriate, the office of information technology shall provide the governor and the director of budget and management with notice and advice regarding the appropriate allocation of resources for those projects. The director of the office of information technology may require state agencies to provide, and may prescribe the form and manner by which they must provide, information to fulfill the director's alignment and oversight role.

(D) The Office of Information Technology shall have the same authority assigned to the department of administrative services under sections 125.01, 125.02, 125.023, 125.04, 125.05, 125.06, 125.07, 125.071, 125.072, 125.081, 125.09, 125.10, 125.11, and 125.25 of the Revised Code for the purchase of information technology supplies and services for state agencies.

(E) The office of information technology may make contracts for, operate, and superintend technology supplies and services for state agencies in accordance with this chapter.

(F) The office of information technology may establish cooperative agreements with federal and local government agencies and state agencies that are not under the authority of the governor for the provision of technology services and the development of technology projects.

(G) As used in this section, "state agency" means every organized body, office, or agency established by the laws of the state for the exercise of any function of state government, other than any state-supported institution of higher education, the office of the auditor of state, treasurer of state, secretary of state, or attorney general, the public employees retirement system, the Ohio police and fire pension fund, the state teachers retirement system, the school employees retirement system, the state highway patrol retirement system, the general assembly or any legislative agency, or the courts or any judicial agency.