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**63D-2-105 Use of authorized domain extensions for government websites.**

- (1) As used in this section, "authorized top level domain" means any of the following suffixes that follows the domain name in a website address:
  - (a) gov;
  - (b) edu; and
  - (c) mil.
- (2) Beginning July 1, 2025, a governmental entity shall use an authorized top level domain for:
  - (a) the website address for the governmental entity's government website; and
  - (b) the email addresses used by the governmental entity and the governmental entity's employees.
- (3) Notwithstanding Subsection (2), a governmental entity may operate a website that uses a top level domain that is not an authorized top level domain if:
  - (a)
    - (i) a reasonable person would not mistake the website as the governmental entity's primary website; and
    - (ii) the governmental website is:
      - (A) solely for internal use and not intended for use by members of the public;
      - (B) temporary and in use by the governmental entity for a period of less than one year; or
      - (C) related to an event, program, or informational campaign operated by the governmental entity in partnership with another person that is not a governmental entity; or
  - (b) the governmental entity is a school district or a school that is not an institution of higher education and the use of an authorized top level domain is otherwise prohibited, provided that once the use of an authorized top level domain is not otherwise prohibited, the school district or school shall transition to an authorized top level domain within 15 months.
- (4) The chief information officer appointed under Section 63A-16-201 may authorize a waiver of the requirement in Subsection (2) if:
  - (a) there are extraordinary circumstances under which use of an authorized domain extension would cause demonstrable harm to citizens or businesses; and
  - (b) the executive director or chief executive of the governmental entity submits a written request to the chief information officer that includes a justification for the waiver.