

28 (1) lead state executive branch agency efforts to establish and reengineer the state's
29 information technology architecture with the goal of coordinating central and individual agency
30 information technology in a manner that:

31 (a) ensures compliance with the executive branch agency strategic plan; and
32 (b) ensures that cost-effective, efficient information and communication systems and
33 resources are being used by agencies to:

34 (i) reduce data, hardware, and software redundancy;
35 (ii) improve system interoperability and data accessibility between agencies; and
36 (iii) meet the agency's and user's business and service needs;

37 (2) coordinate an executive branch strategic plan for all agencies;
38 (3) develop and implement processes to replicate information technology best practices
39 and standards throughout the executive branch;

40 (4) at least once every odd-numbered year:
41 (a) evaluate the adequacy of the department's and the executive branch agencies' data
42 and information technology system security standards through an independent third party
43 assessment; and

44 (b) communicate the results of the independent third party assessment to the
45 appropriate executive branch agencies and to the president of the Senate and the speaker of the
46 House of Representatives;

47 (5) oversee the expanded use and implementation of project and contract management
48 principles as they relate to information technology projects within the executive branch;

49 (6) serve as general contractor between the state's information technology users and
50 private sector providers of information technology products and services;

51 (7) work toward building stronger partnering relationships with providers;

52 (8) develop service level agreements with executive branch departments and agencies
53 to ensure quality products and services are delivered on schedule and within budget;

54 (9) develop standards for application development including a standard methodology
55 and cost-benefit analysis that all agencies shall utilize for application development activities;

56 (10) determine and implement statewide efforts to standardize data elements;

57 (11) consider, when making a purchase for an information system, cloud computing
58 service options, including any security benefits ~~H→~~ **, privacy, data retention risks,** ~~←H~~ and cost
58a savings associated with purchasing a