

SENATE AMENDMENT 2 TO sb419.

deleting "" at the end of line 34 on page 3

AND

inserting on line 35 on page 3 a new subsection to read as follows:

"(d) (1) The General Assembly further finds and determines that information technology services are readily available in the private sector; that the public interest would be well-served by competition for the provision of such services to the State; that public-private partnerships or joint ventures for the provision of such services may be appropriate in certain instances; and that emphasis should be given to encouraging and enabling competition among suppliers of such services wherever possible in the administration of this act.

(2) The department shall consider in the development of the department plan and the Joint Committee on Advanced Communication and department steering committees shall emphasize in their recommendations and policies the availability in the private sector of information technology resources upon a competitive bid basis, with a view to assuring the State of the highest reasonable quality of resources at the lowest reasonable cost."