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MEMORANDUM

To: All Cabinet Members
        All Department Heads
        All Department IT Directors

From: L. Brunson White

Date: December 11, 2014

Re: Information Technology Governance

With the passage of Senate Bill 117 in May 2013 (Act 2013-68) and the creation of the position of the Secretary of Information Technology and the Office of Information Technology (OIT), the responsibilities of Information Technology (IT) Governance, to include Planning and Policy, were transferred from the Information Services Division (ISD), Department of Finance, to my office.

IT Governance is a vital management structure that establishes policies, standards, guidelines, and procedures for IT departments to abide by, while incorporating the State's IT strategy and overall business objectives. Priorities too often lie with the provision of technology instead of the investment in structured regulation. By investing in an effective, structured system of IT Governance, the state can benefit through improved business processes and realize efficiency savings.

During this time of transition, and until such time the OIT can fully assimilate ISD IT policies, existing ISD IT policies shall be considered statewide OIT policies, and are promulgated under the authority of my office. *ISD policies that specifically state they only apply to ISD are exempt from this memorandum.* As the OIT develops or re-issues similar policies, they will supersede the corresponding ISD policy. The aforementioned policies are located at the following websites:

- OIT Policies: http://www.oit.alabama.gov/library.aspx

- ISD Policies: http://cybersecurity.alabama.gov/PoliciesStandards.aspx

Please direct any questions or additional information requests regarding the subject of this memorandum to Mason Tanaka, Director of IT Strategic Planning and Policy, Office of Information Technology at (334) 353-7192 to email to mason.tanaka@governor.alabama.gov.

Sincerely,

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