

3-902.

(a) The Department in consultation with the Board and the Department of Disabilities shall establish and administer a program to assist eligible program participants to purchase specialized customer premises equipment and for reimbursement of costs under § 3-906 of this subtitle in accordance with § 3-807 of this title and the State budget.

DRAFTER'S NOTE:

Error: Obsolete language in § 3-902(a) of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

Occurred: As a result of Ch. 425, Acts of 2004. Pursuant to Ch. 425, Section 8, the former reference to "Governor's Office for Individuals with Disabilities" was corrected by the publisher of the Annotated Code in the 2004 Supplement of the State Finance and Procurement Article and is validated by this Act.

3-903.

(a) The Department, in consultation with the Board and the Department of Disabilities shall:

(1) provide a system for eligible program participants to purchase equipment, but no single eligible participant shall receive more than \$6,000;

(2) establish an information and referral service, including a [toll free] TOLL-FREE number for both voice and TDD, to provide information about the availability of the equipment;

(3) contract with private vendors or nonprofit organizations to provide the information and referral service and other auxiliary services;

(4) as necessary, establish interagency agreements with other State agencies [which] THAT provide technical assistance for disabled individuals to prevent duplicative programs; and

(5) appoint appropriate staff to assist the Board in carrying out its activities under this subtitle.

(b) The Board and the Department of Disabilities shall:

(1) assist the Department in the development of regulations;

(2) develop and implement educational outreach programs;

(3) review and monitor the program; and

(4) advise the Department on unusual hardship cases.

DRAFTER'S NOTE:

Error: Obsolete language in the introductory language of § 3-903(a) and (b); omitted hyphen in § 3-903(a)(2); grammatical error in § 3-903(a)(4) of