

**8B.4 Powers and duties of the chief information officer.**

The chief information officer shall do all of the following:

1. Direct the internal operations of the office and develop and implement policies, procedures, and internal organization measures designed to ensure the efficient administration of the office.
2. Appoint a chief financial officer and all information technology staff deemed necessary for the administration of the office's functions as provided in [this chapter](#). For employees of the office, employment shall be consistent with [chapter 8A, subchapter IV](#).
3. Manage, in consultation with the applicable participating agency, the information technology staff of participating agencies, to include directing the work of information technology staff, assigning information technology staff as required to support information technology requirements and initiatives of the office, and to review and recommend approval of information technology staff employment decisions in coordination with the department of management.
4. Prepare an annual budget for the office. Adopt rules for the approval of information technology budgets for participating agencies in conjunction with the department of management.
5. Adopt rules deemed necessary for the administration of [this chapter](#) in accordance with [chapter 17A](#).
6. Prescribe and adopt information technology standards and rules.
7. Develop and recommend legislative proposals deemed necessary for the continued efficiency of the office in performing information technology functions, and review legislative proposals generated outside of the office which are related to matters within the office's purview.
8. Provide advice to the governor on issues related to information technology.
9. Consult with agencies and other governmental entities on issues relating to information technology.
10. Work with all governmental entities in an effort to achieve the information technology goals established by the office.
11. Develop systems and methodologies to review, evaluate, and prioritize information technology projects.
12. Administer all accounting, billing, and collection functions required by the department of administrative services pursuant to policies adopted by the chief information officer after consultation and in cooperation with the director of the department of administrative services.
13. Utilize, in a manner determined by the chief information officer, such assistance and administrative support services as provided by the department of administrative services as the office determines to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of the office.
14. Enter into contracts for the receipt and provision of services as deemed necessary. The chief information officer and the governor may obtain and accept grants and receipts to or for the state to be used for the administration of the office's functions as provided in [this chapter](#).
15. Streamline, consolidate, and coordinate the access to and availability of broadband and broadband infrastructure throughout the state, including but not limited to the facilitation of public-private partnerships, ensuring that all state agencies' broadband and broadband infrastructure policies and procedures are aligned, resolving issues which arise with regard to implementation efforts, and collecting data and developing metrics or standards against which the data may be measured and evaluated regarding broadband infrastructure installation and deployment.
16. Administer the broadband grant program pursuant to [section 8B.11](#).
17. Coordinate the fiberoptic network conduit installation program established in [section 8B.25](#).
18. Provide technical assistance to communications service providers related to grant applications under [section 8B.11](#).

19. Exercise and perform such other powers and duties as may be prescribed by law.  
2013 Acts, ch 129, §8; 2015 Acts, ch 120, §29; 2020 Acts, ch 1078, §2, 17; 2021 Acts, ch 174,  
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