WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §18-10N-1

§18-10N-1. Findings; policy.

The Legislature finds that the use of interactive display terminals by state agencies is becoming a widespread means of access for employees and the public to obtain information available electronically, but that presentation of electronic data solely in a visual format is a barrier to access by individuals who are blind or visually impaired. Individuals who are blind or visually impaired have the right to full participation in the life of the state, including the use of advanced technology which is purchased by the state for use by employees, program participants and members of the general public. The Legislature also recognizes that technological advances allow interactive control of computers and use of the information by visually impaired persons, but that nonvisual access is dependent on the purchase of hardware and software that is compatible with technology used for nonvisual access.

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