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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Information Technology – Rural Broadband Service – Inventory**
3 **and Mapping of Assets**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Information Technology to complete an
5 inventory of certain State and local government assets on or before a certain date;
6 requiring the Department to use a certain inventory to create a certain map;
7 requiring the Department to solicit input from local governments and Internet
8 service providers on identifying certain unserved and underserved areas in the State;
9 requiring the Department to make a certain inventory and a certain map publicly
10 available on its website; and generally relating to rural broadband service.

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
12 That:

13 (a) (1) On or before October 1, 2019, the Department of Information
14 Technology shall complete an inventory of all State and local government assets that can
15 be used to assist with the expansion of broadband service to Western Maryland counties,
16 Southern Maryland counties, Eastern Shore counties, and Frederick, Carroll, and Harford
17 counties.

18 (2) Assets inventoried shall include the location and number of:

19 (i) cellular towers;

20 (ii) water towers;

21 (iii) fiber optic cable routes; and

22 (iv) any other structures the Department determines are necessary
23 to complete the inventory.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) (1) The Department shall use the inventory completed under subsection (a)
2 of this section to create a map that includes:

3 (i) all deployable assets and resources owned or managed by State
4 and local governments; and

5 (ii) population density and business density for unserved and
6 underserved areas in Western Maryland counties, Southern Maryland counties, Eastern
7 Shore counties, and Frederick, Carroll, and Harford counties.

8 (2) The Department shall solicit input from local governments and Internet
9 service providers on identifying unserved and underserved areas in Western Maryland
10 counties, Southern Maryland counties, Eastern Shore counties, and Frederick, Carroll, and
11 Harford counties.

12 (3) The Department shall make the inventory and map required under this
13 section publicly available on its website.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2018.