

# HOUSE BILL 883

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By: **Delegate Bhandari**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Information Technology – Evaluation of Emerging Technologies**  
3 **(Maryland Artificial Intelligence in Governmental Services Act)**

4 FOR the purpose of altering certain requirements relating to an annual evaluation of the  
5 use of emerging technologies in providing public services by the Secretary of  
6 Information Technology; and generally relating to the use of emerging technologies  
7 in providing public services.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – State Finance and Procurement  
10 Section 3.5–303(a)(11)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

16 3.5–303.

17 (a) The Secretary is responsible for carrying out the following duties:

18 (11) annually evaluating:

19 (i) the feasibility of units of State government providing public  
20 services using artificial intelligence, machine learning, commercial cloud computer  
21 services, device-as-a-service procurement models, and other emerging technologies,  
22 **INCLUDING AN ASSESSMENT OF THE USE OF THESE EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES TO**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 ENSURE PUBLIC SERVICES REMAIN EFFICIENT, EFFECTIVE, AND RESPONSIVE TO  
2 THE NEEDS OF MARYLANDERS; [and]

3 (II) THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS AND RISKS INHERENT IN THE  
4 DEPLOYMENT OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, MACHINE LEARNING, COMMERCIAL  
5 CLOUD COMPUTER SERVICES, DEVICE-AS-A-SERVICE PROCUREMENT MODELS, AND  
6 OTHER EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SERVICES;

7 [(ii)] (III) the development of data analytics capabilities to enable  
8 data-driven policymaking by units of State government; AND

9 (IV) GUIDANCE PROVIDED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ON  
10 PROVIDING PUBLIC SERVICES USING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, MACHINE  
11 LEARNING, COMMERCIAL CLOUD COMPUTER SERVICES, DEVICE-AS-A-SERVICE  
12 PROCUREMENT MODELS, AND OTHER EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES TO ENSURE ALL  
13 LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT HAVE UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON THE USE OF  
14 EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES IN PUBLIC SERVICES.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
16 October 1, 2024.