

Overview of Senate Bill 982 as Amended

Senate Bill 982 as amended, addresses the provisions of the bill as introduced, as well as Senate Bill 247 and Senate Bill 294. The bill as amended provides:

- The intent of the General Assembly is clarified, and stated that oversight of IT projects be centralized at DoIT. (bill page 2, line 8)
- The Major Information Technology Development Fund is renamed to the Information Technology Investment Fund (ITIF) and the bill provides that 20% of the monies appropriated to the Fund will be set aside for “Expedited Projects” which are projects that are not Major Information Technology Development Projects (defined those under \$5m or over \$5m if the Secretary determines the agency has the internal capacity to move forward on the project). (bill page 3, line 12), (bill page 14, line 6)
- Also clarifies that technology that is reoccurring, standard operating technology is not a major information technology project if the Secretary determines it to be and submits to the project to the Legislative Policy Committee for review and comment (similar to the process for resource sharing projects). (bill page 4, line 14)
- The Secretary is authorized to fund Major Information Technology Development Projects and Expedited Projects through a revolving loan process through which agencies can reimburse the Fund in future fiscal years as established by regulation. (bill page 13, line 21)
- The Secretary will establish a process for agencies to apply for and receive funding for expedited projects aligned with the State Modernization Plan that allow units of State government to apply for funds twice a year in a competitive manner that encourages small and minority business enterprise vendors. (bill page 15, line 31)
- The Department in consultation with the Modernize Maryland Oversight Commission (MMOC) will develop standards to units of State government to identify legacy systems that require modernization project appropriate to be financed as expedited projects and to adopt an Information Technology Investment Maturity Model to inform and prioritize investment decisions. (bill page 10, line 18)
- The Department will inventory and assess the State’s Legacy Systems in order to prioritize based on security risk and report each year with estimated funding to modernize each legacy system in a unit of State government and a 5–year projection of funding to modernize each legacy system. (bill page 7, line 28)

- The Department will hire a consultant to assess the State's information technology procurement process and make recommendations to allow the State to proceed with a modernization project in a rapid and responsive manner. (bill page 7, line 22)
- A contract to modernize an information technology modernization project or an expedited project as defined under the bill are not exempt from BPW approval but are required to be expedited for approval by the BPW and placed on the agenda as soon as practicable. (bill page 7, line 14)
- The Modernize Maryland Oversight Commission is altered to be a best practices advisory group and one member representing the Information Technology industry to be appointed by the Governor is added. The Commission now consists of 5 State representatives (The Secretary and the State Chief Information Security Officer or their designees and 3 State agency CIOs) and 5 private sector representatives, appointed by the Governor. The Secretary or the Secretary's designee is Chair of the Commission. Standard Commission language is added regarding Commission member reimbursement and terms of office for the appointed members. The Commission will be staffed by the Department, in consultation with DLS. (bill page 19 , line 25)
- Uncodified language requires the Department to develop a State Modernization Plan and to identify positions that would be suitable for independent salary setting authority or greater flexibility in position classification to ensure the ability to recruit and retain necessary staff to meet the mission of the Department. The language also provides that the Modernization Plan includes plans to train and uptrain existing staff to be able to fully utilize technology as a part of a modernization project. (bill page 23, line 24)
- Uncodified language also mandates the creation of two positions with one position to assist in administering the process for expedited projects under the Act and one position to serve as a grants administrator to aggressively seek all possible federal and private grant funds to support major information technology development projects or expedited projects. (bill page 24, line 23)