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House Bill 684 (Delegate Rosenberg, *et al.*)

Commerce and Government Matters

Information Technology Board - Membership and Duties

This bill generally expands the membership and duties of the Information Technology Board. The bill increases the number of board members from 22 to 25. The board's duties are expanded to include: (1) studying existing and emerging Internet and information technology; (2) developing standards and making recommendations concerning Internet-based commerce and Internet user privacy; and (3) making recommendations concerning Internet-based crime and the use of the Internet in the health care industry.

The bill requires the board to present an annual report detailing its activities and findings to the Governor and the General Assembly.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures could increase by \$155,000 annually beginning in FY 2001 for expert witness fees and consulting fees.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: In order to fulfill the additional duties required by the bill, it is expected that the board would incur \$50,000 each year in expert testimony expenses and \$105,000 each year in consulting fees.

Information Sources: Department of Budget and Management, Department of Business and Economic Development

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