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House Bill 275 (The Speaker. *et al.*)  
(Administration)  
Commerce and Government Matters

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State Information Technology Board - Membership and Duties

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This Administration bill increases the membership of the Maryland Information Technology Board (ITB) from 25 to 34 by removing certain members and adding new ones. The President of the Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission (MPBC) or the President's designee has been dropped from the board, and the number of members from the general public is reduced from seven to six. A representative of State government; the Executive Director of the Maryland Science, Engineering, and Technology Development Corporation or the director's designee; five representatives from information technology companies who possess expertise in information technology or electronic commerce; a representative of the Maryland Independent College and University Association; a representative of the Maryland Association of Public Library Administrators; and one additional member from both the House and the Senate have been added to the ITB. The Governor may remove any member for failing to attend meetings. The bill also adds to the board's responsibilities, requiring its members to make recommendations concerning the deployment of Internet-based applications and services for State government and educational institutions.

This bill is effective June 1, 2000.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** Any additional expenses incurred by the increase in ITB members could be handled with existing resources. Board members are not paid.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** A small business impact statement was not provided by the

Administration in time for inclusion in this fiscal note. A revised fiscal note will be issued when the Administration's assessment becomes available.

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## Analysis

**Current Law:** The Maryland ITB consists of 25 members: the heads of 14 executive office units, including MPBC, or their designees; seven members of the public with significant information technology experience; a representative from the Maryland Association of Community Colleges; a member of the Senate of Maryland; a member of the Maryland House of Delegates; and a representative of the judicial branch. The term of public members is three years. The Governor appoints the chairperson of the board from among the members and the chairperson may assign the remaining members to subcommittees. The board's statutory responsibilities include the study of existing and emerging information and Internet technologies and the provision of advice and recommendations to the Chief of Information Technology and other State officials concerning the use and regulation of these technologies in Maryland.

**Background:** The ITB was created in 1993 to advise the Chief of Information Technology on the Information Technology Master Plan and other information technology matters. Chapter 656 of 1999 made substantial additions to the board's responsibilities and required the board to submit an annual report. In addition, it added the members from the Maryland Senate, the House of Delegates, and the Judiciary to the board. Their first report, submitted in November 1999 and entitled *Internet Policy Recommendations*, recommended another restructuring of the ITB in which a greater emphasis is placed on "participation by private sector individuals with expertise in various fields of technology." The legislation addresses this recommendation.

Some of the goals of the ITB, as stated in its report, are: (1) to create a more efficient and citizen-focused government through Internet applications; (2) to promote electronic commerce in Maryland; (3) to facilitate information technology research and the development of new technologies; (4) to bridge the digital divide; and (5) to study other Internet, electronic commerce, and electronic mail issues.

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## Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

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