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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government - Joint Committee on Technology**

3 FOR the purpose of creating a Joint Committee on Technology; specifying the  
4 membership of the Committee; providing for the appointment of the cochairmen  
5 and co-vice chairmen of the Committee; establishing that the full authorized  
6 membership of the Committee is a quorum; providing staff for the Committee;  
7 requiring the Committee to hold certain meetings; authorizing the Committee to  
8 hold certain hearings and consider certain bills or resolutions; establishing the  
9 powers and duties of the Committee; requiring the Committee to submit a  
10 certain report by a certain date each year; and generally relating to the Joint  
11 Committee on Technology.

12 BY adding to  
13 Article - State Government  
14 Section 2-10A-08  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

19 **Article - State Government**

20 2-10A-08.

21 (A) THERE IS A JOINT COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY.

22 (B) THE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING 20 MEMBERS:

23 (1) TEN MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY THE  
24 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE; AND

25 (2) TEN MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY THE  
26 SPEAKER.

1 (C) THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE  
2 PRESIDING OFFICER WHO APPOINTED THEM.

3 (D) (1) THE PRESIDENT AND THE SPEAKER SHALL JOINTLY APPOINT A  
4 SENATOR AND A DELEGATE TO SERVE AS COCHAIRMAN WHO SHALL ALTERNATE IN  
5 SERVING AS THE PRESIDING CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE EACH YEAR.

6 (2) THE PRESIDENT AND THE SPEAKER SHALL JOINTLY APPOINT A  
7 SENATOR AND A DELEGATE TO SERVE AS CO-VICE CHAIRMEN.

8 (E) A MAJORITY OF THE FULL AUTHORIZED MEMBERSHIP OF THE  
9 COMMITTEE IS A QUORUM.

10 (F) THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES, OFFICE OF POLICY  
11 ANALYSIS, SHALL PROVIDE STAFF ASSISTANCE TO THE COMMITTEE.

12 (G) THE COMMITTEE SHALL HOLD:

13 (1) AN ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING PROMPTLY AFTER THE  
14 APPOINTMENT OF ITS MEMBERS; AND

15 (2) ANY OTHER MEETINGS THAT THE COMMITTEE CONSIDERS  
16 NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT ITS DUTIES EFFICIENTLY.

17 (H) THE COMMITTEE MAY:

18 (1) HOLD A HEARING ON ANY MATTER RELATING TO THE FUNCTIONS OF  
19 THE COMMITTEE; AND

20 (2) CONSIDER A VOTE ON A BILL OR RESOLUTION REFERRED TO IT BY  
21 THE PRESIDENT OR THE SPEAKER.

22 (I) THE COMMITTEE SHALL:

23 (1) (I) REVIEW THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MARYLAND UNIFORM  
24 COMPUTER INFORMATION TRANSACTIONS ACT AND OTHER TECHNOLOGY STATUTES  
25 IN THE STATE; AND

26 (II) RECOMMEND TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE GENERAL  
27 ASSEMBLY ANY APPROPRIATE CHANGES IN STATE LAW BASED ON THE FINDINGS OF  
28 THE COMMITTEE;

29 (2) COLLECT AND EVALUATE INFORMATION ON LEGISLATIVE  
30 PROPOSALS AND REGULATORY CHANGES THAT AFFECT TECHNOLOGY; AND

31 (3) SERVE AS AN INFORMATIONAL SOURCE FOR THE SENATE AND  
32 HOUSE OF DELEGATES IN LEGISLATIVE POLICY MATTERS CONCERNING  
33 TECHNOLOGY.

1       (J)       (1)       SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THIS TITLE, THE COMMITTEE SHALL SUBMIT  
2 AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 OF  
3 EACH YEAR.

4               (2)       THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE:

5                       (I)       A DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE; AND

6                       (II)      ANY RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE.

7       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
8 October 1, 2001.