

**Department of Legislative Services**

Maryland General Assembly

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**FISCAL NOTE****Revised**

House Bill 1447

(Delegates Barve and Taylor)

Economic Matters

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**State Government - Joint Committee on Technology**

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This bill establishes a 20-member Joint Committee on Technology, comprised of 10 members from the House of Delegates and 10 members from the Senate. The committee may hold hearings and consider votes on bills or resolutions referred to it. The committee is required to: (1) review the implementation of the Maryland Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act (UCITA) and other technology statutes; (2) recommend any appropriate changes in State law; (3) serve as an information source on technology-related legislative policy matters; and (4) submit an annual report to the General Assembly on the committee's work and recommendations. The Department of Legislative Services is required to provide staff assistance to the committee.

The bill also repeals the Joint Technology Oversight Committee.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill's staffing requirements could be met with the existing budgeted resources of the Department of Legislative Services.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Chapter 11 of 2000 established a ten-member Joint Technology Oversight Committee (JTOC), comprised of five members from the House of Delegates

and five members from the Senate. Chapter 11 requires the JTOC to: (1) review the implementation of UCITA; (2) recommend any appropriate changes in State law; and (3) report annually on its findings. The JTOC may examine additional technology related issues as designated by its co-chairmen. The JTOC sunsets June 30, 2005.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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