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House Bill 801 (Delegate Lee, *et al.*)
Health and Government Operations

Finance

Information Technology Board - Security of Computer Systems

This bill adds two statutory duties for the Information Technology Board: (1) developing standards and making recommendations concerning the security of computer systems used by State government and educational institutions; and (2) adopting regulations for the protection of information that the board receives while carrying out its powers and duties. The bill requires the Secretary of Budget and Management to: (1) develop and adopt, by regulation, security procedures for the board; and (2) consider background checks for board members and the potential breach of security as a result of open meeting requirements.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The Department of Budget and Management could develop standards and adopt regulations with existing resources. Depending on the nature and scope of any recommendations the board makes regarding computer system security, the State could incur implementation costs, which could be significant because of the number of computers involved.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Information Technology Board is charged with: (1) providing advice and counsel to the Chief of Information Technology in developing the State's

information technology master plan; (2) studying existing and merging Internet and information technology; (3) developing standards and making recommendations concerning Internet-based commerce and Internet user privacy; (4) making recommendations concerning Internet-based crime and the use of the Internet in the health care industry; (5) making recommendations concerning the deployment of Internet-based applications and services for State government and educational institutions; and (6) providing advice to the chief on other matters. The board is required to provide an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly on its activities and findings.

The Secretary of Budget and Management is responsible for developing, maintaining, revising, and enforcing information technology policies and standards. The Secretary must develop a statewide information technology master plan.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: A similar bill, HB 853, was introduced during the 2004 session. HB 853 was amended and passed in the House. The bill was heard in the Senate Finance Committee, where no further action was taken.

Cross File: None.

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