

SENATE BILL 683

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By: **Senator Rosapepe**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Joint Technology and Biotechnology Committee - Membership and Duties**

3 FOR the purpose of codifying and renaming the Joint Technology Oversight
4 Committee to be the Joint Technology and Biotechnology Committee; modifying
5 the membership and duties of the Committee; and generally relating to the
6 Joint Technology and Biotechnology Committee.

7 BY repealing

8 Chapter 11 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000

9 Section 6

10 BY adding to

11 Article - State Government

12 Section 2-10A-13

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

17 **Chapter 11 of the Acts of 2000**

18 [SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

19 (a) There is a Joint Technology Oversight Committee.

20 (b) The Committee consists of the following ten members:

21 (1) five members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the
22 President of the Senate; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) five members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker.

2 (c) The members of the Committee serve at the pleasure of the presiding
3 officer who appointed them.

4 (d) The President and the Speaker shall jointly appoint a Senator and a
5 Delegate to serve as co-chairmen who shall alternate in serving as the presiding
6 chairman of the Committee each year.

7 (e) (1) The Committee shall:

8 (i) review the implementation of the Maryland Uniform
9 Computer Information Transactions Act in this State; and

10 (ii) recommend to the Governor and the General Assembly any
11 appropriate changes in State law based on the findings of the Committee.

12 (2) The Committee may examine and evaluate additional technology
13 related issues as designated by the co-chairmen of the Committee.

14 (f) The Committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the
15 Governor, the Legislative Policy Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, and the
16 House Economic Matters Committee on or before December 1 of each year.]

17 Article - State Government

18 2-10A-13.

19 (A) THERE IS A JOINT TECHNOLOGY AND BIOTECHNOLOGY
20 COMMITTEE.

21 (B) THE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING 12 MEMBERS:

22 (1) SIX MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY
23 THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE; AND

24 (2) SIX MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY
25 THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.

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

28 (D) THE PRESIDENT AND THE SPEAKER SHALL JOINTLY APPOINT A
29 SENATOR AND A DELEGATE TO SERVE AS CO-CHAIRS WHO SHALL ALTERNATE
30 IN SERVING AS THE PRESIDING CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE EACH YEAR.

1 **(E) (1) THE COMMITTEE SHALL:**

2 **(I) WORK TO BROADEN THE SUPPORT, KNOWLEDGE, AND**
3 **AWARENESS OF TECHNOLOGY AND BIOTECHNOLOGY ADVANCES AND BENEFITS**
4 **IN THE STATE;**

5 **(II) SUPPORT EXISTING COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS WITH**
6 **RESPONSIBILITIES RELEVANT TO THE TECHNOLOGY AND BIOTECHNOLOGY**
7 **INDUSTRIES;**

8 **(III) ACT AS A LIAISON WITH EXECUTIVE BRANCH BOARDS**
9 **AND COMMISSIONS ON ISSUES RELATED TO THE TECHNOLOGY AND**
10 **BIOTECHNOLOGY INDUSTRIES;**

11 **(IV) PROVIDE AN EDUCATIONAL FORUM WHERE IDEAS AND**
12 **ISSUES INVOLVING THE TECHNOLOGY AND BIOTECHNOLOGY INDUSTRIES WILL**
13 **BE EXCHANGED; AND**

14 **(V) SUPPORT INITIATIVES, INCLUDING INITIATIVES IN**
15 **HIGHER EDUCATION, THAT FOSTER:**

16 **1. GROWTH IN THE TECHNOLOGY AND**
17 **BIOTECHNOLOGY INDUSTRIES; AND**

18 **2. ECONOMIC POLICIES THAT WILL BEST RETAIN**
19 **TECHNOLOGY AND BIOTECHNOLOGY COMPANIES IN THE STATE AND WILL**
20 **ATTRACT TECHNOLOGY AND BIOTECHNOLOGY INDUSTRIES FROM OTHER**
21 **STATES.**

22 **(2) THE COMMITTEE MAY EXAMINE AND EVALUATE ADDITIONAL**
23 **TECHNOLOGY OR BIOTECHNOLOGY RELATED ISSUES AS DESIGNATED BY THE**
24 **CO-CHAIRS OF THE COMMITTEE.**

25 **(F) THE COMMITTEE SHALL REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND**
26 **RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246**
27 **OF THIS TITLE, THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE, THE SENATE FINANCE**
28 **COMMITTEE, AND THE HOUSE ECONOMIC MATTERS COMMITTEE ON OR**
29 **BEFORE DECEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR.**

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
31 October 1, 2008.