

# HOUSE BILL 1479

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By: **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request –  
Departmental – Department of Information Technology)**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Board of Directors of the Assistive Technology Loan Program – Membership**

3 FOR the purpose of adding the Secretary of Information Technology or a designee to  
4 the Board of Directors of the Assistive Technology Loan Program.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
6 Article – Human Services  
7 Section 7–602, 7–603, and 7–604  
8 Annotated Code of Maryland  
9 (2007 Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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12 Section 7–605  
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15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – Human Services**

18 7–602.

19 There is an Assistive Technology Loan Program in the Department.

20 7–603.

21 The purpose of the Program is to provide assistance for the purchase of assistive  
22 technology.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 7-604.

2 There is a Board of Directors of the Program.

3 7-605.

4 (a) The Board consists of:

5 (1) the Secretary of Budget and Management or the Secretary's  
6 designee;

7 (2) **THE SECRETARY OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OR THE**  
8 **SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;**

9 (3) a representative from the Department of Health and Mental  
10 Hygiene, Developmental Disabilities Administration, appointed by the Secretary of  
11 Health and Mental Hygiene;

12 [(3)] (4) a representative of the State Department of Education  
13 Division of Rehabilitation Services, appointed by the State Superintendent of Schools;  
14 and

15 [(4)] (5) eight members of the public appointed by the Governor with  
16 the advice and consent of the Senate.

17 (b) Of the eight members of the public appointed by the Governor:

18 (1) four shall have significant experience in finance, accounting,  
19 investment management, or consumer lending; and

20 (2) four shall have disabilities or assist individuals with disabilities, at  
21 least one of whom shall be a member of the Maryland Commission on Disabilities.

22 (c) (1) The term of a member appointed by the Governor is 4 years.

23 (2) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor  
24 is appointed and qualifies.

25 (3) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for  
26 the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

27 (4) A member appointed by the Governor may not serve more than two  
28 terms.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
30 October 1, 2009.