

CHAPTER 471

(House Bill 1479)

AN ACT concerning

Board of Directors of the Assistive Technology Loan Program – Membership

FOR the purpose of ~~adding~~ substituting the Secretary of Information Technology or a designee ~~to~~ for the Secretary of Budget and Management or a designee as a member of the Board of Directors of the Assistive Technology Loan Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Human Services
Section 7–602, 7–603, and 7–604
Annotated Code of Maryland
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Human Services

7–602.

There is an Assistive Technology Loan Program in the Department.

7–603.

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

7–604.

There is a Board of Directors of the Program.

7–605.

(a) The Board consists of:

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

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

~~(3)~~ **(2)** a representative from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Developmental Disabilities Administration, appointed by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene;

~~(3)~~ ~~(4)~~ a representative of the State Department of Education Division of Rehabilitation Services, appointed by the State Superintendent of Schools; and

~~(4)~~ ~~(5)~~ eight members of the public appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, May 7, 2009.