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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 457

(Delegate Morhaim)

Health and Government Operations

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Principal Departments and Executive Branch Units - Dissemination of  
Information on Websites**

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This bill repeals the requirement that principal and Executive Branch departments and units of State government must annually submit an organizational chart to the General Assembly and instead requires these departments and units to post the organizational chart on their web site, including a concise description of the department or unit and each subunit.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill largely codifies existing practice. For those departments or units that do not currently comply, the bill's requirements can be handled with existing budgeted resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The secretary of each principal department and the head of each other unit in the Executive Branch must, by the first day of each regular session, submit to the General Assembly an organizational chart that (1) shows the major subunits in the unit; (2) lists the name and title of each individual who heads a subunit; and (3) describes concisely the functions of each subunit. If an organizational chart is on file with the Department of Legislative Services, only those changes since the last chart was filed must be submitted.

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**Exhibit 1**  
**Principal Departments of the Executive Branch in Maryland**

Aging	Information Technology
Agriculture	Juvenile Services
Budget and Management	Labor, Licensing, and Regulation
Business and Economic Development	Natural Resources
Disabilities	Planning
Environment	Public Safety and Correctional Services
General Services	State Police
Health and Mental Hygiene	Transportation
Housing and Community Development	Veterans Affairs
Human Resources	

Source: Laws of Maryland

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**Background:** There are 19 principal Executive Branch departments, as shown in **Exhibit 1**. The Maryland State Department of Education is a principal department of State government, but not of the Executive Branch. Most departments currently provide organizational charts on their web sites. There are 58 independent State agencies, including the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, the Maryland Higher Education Commission, the Maryland Insurance Administration, and the State Lottery Agency. A complete listing of departments and independent agencies and their organizational charts can be found in the *Maryland Manual On-Line*.

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**Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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*Commission; Department of Disabilities; Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; Comptroller's Office; Department of Juvenile Services; Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; Department of State Police; Department of Aging; Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; Maryland Department of Transportation; Department of Veterans Affairs; Department of Legislative Services*

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