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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE
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House Bill 1479 (Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee)(By Request
- Departmental - Department of Information Technology)

Health and Government Operations

Finance

Board of Directors of the Assistive Technology Loan Program - Membership

This departmental bill adds the Secretary of Information Technology or designee to the membership of the Board of Directors of the Assistive Technology Loan Program and removes the Secretary of Budget and Management or designee.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill is procedural and does not affect State finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Department of Information Technology (DoIT) has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment. (The attached assessment does not reflect amendments to the bill.)

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 9 of 2008 established DoIT as a principal department of State government and transferred all duties, responsibilities, budgeted funds, and employees from the Office of Information Technology within the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) to the new department.

DoIT is designated as a primary procurement unit for the purpose of controlling procurement of information processing equipment and associated services and telecommunication equipment, systems, or services.

The Board of Directors of the Assistive Technology Loan Program reviews individual applications for guarantees of loans and subsidies of loan interest to purchase assistive technology, and approves or denies them.

The board consists of 11 members including the Secretary of Budget and Management, or designee; a representative from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Developmental Disabilities Administration, appointed by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene; a representative of the Maryland State Department of Education Division of Rehabilitation Services, appointed by the State Superintendent of Schools; and eight members of the public appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Members may not receive compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses.

Background: DoIT advises that, when the board was located in DBM, a staff person of the Office of Information Technology was the designated member of the board.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Department of Information Technology, Department of Disabilities, Department of Legislative Services

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ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES

TITLE OF BILL: Board of Directors of the Assistive Technology Loan Program -
Membership

BILL NUMBER: HB 1479

PREPARED BY: Department of Information Technology

PART A. ECONOMIC IMPACT RATING

This agency estimates that the proposed bill:

WILL HAVE MINIMAL OR NO ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND
SMALL BUSINESS

OR

WILL HAVE MEANINGFUL ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND
SMALL BUSINESSES

PART B. ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

The proposed legislation will have no impact on small business in Maryland.