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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 782 (Delegate Lee, *et al.*)
Health and Government Operations

Department of Information Technology - Security of Computer Systems

This bill requires the Secretary of Information Technology to adopt, by regulation, security procedures for the Department of Information Technology (DoIT), and to develop standards and make recommendations concerning the security of computer systems used by State government and educational institutions. In developing security procedure regulations under the bill, the Secretary must consider background checks for current and future employees of the department, as well as the potential breach of security as a result of open meeting requirements.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill does not materially affect State finances or operations. The development of regulations can be handled by DoIT with existing resources and the mandated development of security standard recommendations for other State institutions codes of current practice.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/ Background: DoIT was established by Chapter 9 of 2008. The former Office of Information Technology within the Department of Budget and Management joined the Major Information Technology Development Fund to form a new principal unit of the Executive Branch effective July 1, 2008.

The Secretary of Information Technology is charged with certain express duties that generally apply to the Executive Branch, including several public institutions of higher education. These duties include developing a statewide information technology master plan that serves as a basis for the management and direction of information technology including telecommunications, data processing, and information management, and is consistent with State goals, objectives, and resources. The Secretary must also review the annual project plan for other units of the Executive Branch and provide technical assistance, advice, and recommendations to these agencies.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: Similar provisions were introduced in HB 853 of 2004, which passed the House and received a hearing in the Senate Finance Committee, but no further action was taken.

Cross File: None.

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