

# HOUSE BILL 1361

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By: **Delegate P. Young**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Procurement – Information Technology – Cloud–Based Virtual Desktop**  
3 **Infrastructure**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Information Technology to issue a request  
5 for proposals for or make a certain determination on the implementation and ongoing  
6 maintenance of cloud–based virtual desktop infrastructure to be used by each unit  
7 of State government as desktop support and management systems; authorizing the  
8 Department to contract for cloud–based virtual desktop infrastructure services in a  
9 certain manner; requiring the Department to review certain contracts entered into  
10 by other states and consider participating in certain agreements; establishing  
11 certain factors that the Department is required to consider in evaluating a proposal  
12 for or making a determination on cloud–based virtual desktop infrastructure  
13 services; and generally relating to the procurement of cloud–based virtual desktop  
14 infrastructure services.

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
16 That:

17 (a) By July 1, 2022, the Department of Information Technology shall issue a  
18 request for proposals or make a determination to participate in an intergovernmental  
19 cooperative purchasing agreement with another state for the implementation and ongoing  
20 maintenance of cloud–based virtual desktop infrastructure to be used by each unit of State  
21 government as desktop support and management systems.

22 (b) The Department:

23 (1) may contract for virtual desktop infrastructure services consistent with  
24 Division II of the State Finance and Procurement Article; and

25 (2) shall:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (i) review information technology contracts for desktop support and  
2 management systems entered into by other states; and

3 (ii) consider participating in an intergovernmental cooperative  
4 purchasing agreement with another state for the implementation and ongoing maintenance  
5 of cloud-based virtual desktop infrastructure.

6 (c) The factors used in evaluating a proposal or making a determination under  
7 this section shall include:

8 (1) price;

9 (2) the quality of the cloud-based virtual desktop infrastructure services;

10 (3) the technical ability and experience of the offeror; and

11 (4) the guaranteed savings to the State of using cloud-based virtual  
12 desktop infrastructure services compared to the use of any preceding desktop support and  
13 management systems.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
15 October 1, 2021.