SENATE BILL 924

By: Senators Jennings and Hester
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A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Procurement – Information Technology – Cloud-Based Virtual Desktop Infrastructure

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

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

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

(b) The Department:

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

(2) shall:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
(i) review information technology contracts for desktop support and management systems entered into by other states; and

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

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

(1) price;

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

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

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

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