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Senate Bill 404 (Senator Augustine)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

State Government – Websites – Required Information

This bill requires each principal department of the Executive Branch of State government to publish prominently on its website the name and title of the Secretary and any deputy secretaries of the department, along with photographs of the individuals.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill’s requirements generally codify existing practice and can otherwise be handled with existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: State law limits the number of principal departments of the Executive Branch to no more than 21; there are currently 19. The head of each principal department is a Secretary, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. State law does not require that the names, titles, and photographs of secretaries and deputy secretaries be published on the departments’ websites.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Department of Commerce; Maryland Department of Aging; Maryland Department of Agriculture; Department of Budget and Management; Maryland Department of the Environment; Department of General Services; Department of Housing and Community Development; Department of Human Services; Department of Juvenile Services; Department of Natural Resources; Maryland Department of Planning; Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; Board of Public Works; Department of State Police; Maryland Department of Transportation; Department of Veterans Affairs; Maryland Department of Disabilities; Department of Legislative Services

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