

# SENATE BILL 812

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – Cybersecurity – Coordination and Governance**

3 FOR the purpose of ~~establishing the Cybersecurity Coordination and Operations Office in~~  
4 ~~the Maryland Department of Emergency Management; requiring the Secretary of~~  
5 ~~Emergency Management to appoint an Executive Director as head of the~~  
6 ~~Cybersecurity Coordination and Operations Office; requiring the Office of Security~~  
7 ~~Management to be provided with staff for the Cybersecurity Coordination and~~  
8 ~~Operations Office; requiring the Cybersecurity Coordination and Operations Office~~  
9 ~~to establish regional assistance groups to deliver or coordinate support services to~~  
10 ~~political subdivisions, agencies, or regions in accordance with certain requirements;~~  
11 ~~requiring the Cybersecurity Coordination and Operations Office to offer certain~~  
12 ~~training opportunities for counties and municipalities; establishing the Office of~~  
13 ~~Security Management within the Department of Information Technology (DoIT);~~  
14 ~~establishing certain responsibilities and authority of the Office of Security~~  
15 ~~Management; centralizing authority and control of the procurement of all~~  
16 ~~information technology for the Executive Branch of State government in DoIT;~~  
17 ~~establishing the Maryland Cybersecurity Coordinating Council; requiring the~~  
18 ~~Secretary of Information Technology to develop and maintain a statewide~~  
19 ~~cybersecurity master plan strategy; requiring DoIT to develop and require basic~~  
20 ~~security requirements to be included in certain contracts; requiring each unit of the~~  
21 ~~Legislative or Judicial Branch of State government and any division of the~~  
22 ~~University System of Maryland that uses a certain network to certify certain~~  
23 ~~compliance to DoIT on or before a certain date each year; requiring certain IT units~~  
24 ~~to certify compliance with certain cybersecurity standards; requiring each unit of the~~

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Executive Branch of State government and certain local entities to report certain  
 2 cybersecurity incidents in a certain manner and under certain circumstances;  
 3 requiring the State Security Operations Center to notify certain agencies of a  
 4 cybersecurity incident reported in a certain manner; ~~establishing the Maryland~~  
 5 ~~Cybersecurity Coordinating Council; exempting meetings of the Council from the~~  
 6 ~~Open Meetings Act;~~ requiring the Council to study aspects of the State’s  
 7 cybersecurity vulnerabilities and procurement potential, including partnerships  
 8 with other states; requiring the Council to promote certain education and training  
 9 opportunities; requiring the Department of General Services to study the security  
 10 and financial implications of executing partnerships with other states to procure  
 11 information technology and cybersecurity products and services; requiring the  
 12 Department of General Services to establish certain basic security requirements to  
 13 be included in certain contracts; requiring DoIT to complete implementation of a  
 14 certain governance, risk, and compliance module on or before a certain date;  
 15 requiring the Office to prepare a transition strategy towards cybersecurity  
 16 centralization; requiring each agency in the Executive Branch of State government  
 17 to certify to the Office that the agency is in compliance with certain standards;  
 18 requiring the Office to assume responsibility for a certain agency’s cybersecurity  
 19 except under certain circumstances; requiring DoIT to hire a contractor to conduct a  
 20 performance and capacity assessment of DoIT; authorizing funds to be transferred  
 21 by budget amendment from the Dedicated Purpose Account in a certain fiscal year  
 22 to implement the Act; ~~transferring certain appropriations, books and records, and~~  
 23 employees to DoIT; and generally relating to State cybersecurity coordination.

24 BY renumbering

25 Article – State Finance and Procurement

26 Section 3A–101 through 3A–702, respectively, and the title “Title 3A. Department of  
 27 Information Technology”

28 to be Section 3.5–101 through 3.5–702, respectively, and the title “Title 3.5.  
 29 Department of Information Technology”

30 Annotated Code of Maryland

31 (2021 Replacement Volume)

32 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

33 Article – Criminal Procedure

34 Section 10–221(b)

35 Annotated Code of Maryland

36 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

37 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

38 Article – Health – General

39 Section 21–2C–03(h)(2)(i)

40 Annotated Code of Maryland

41 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

42 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

43 Article – Human Services

1 Section 7–806(a), (b)(1), (c)(1), (d)(1) and (2)(i), and (g)(1)  
 2 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 3 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

4 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 5 Article – Insurance  
 6 Section 31–103(a)(2)(i) and (b)(2)  
 7 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 8 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 10 Article – Natural Resources  
 11 Section 1–403(c)  
 12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 13 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

14 ~~BY adding to~~  
 15 ~~Article – Public Safety~~  
 16 ~~Section 14–104.1~~  
 17 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~  
 18 ~~(2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)~~

19 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
 20 Article – State Finance and Procurement  
 21 Section 3.5–101(a) and (e) and 3.5–301(a)  
 22 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 23 (2021 Replacement Volume)  
 24 (As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

25 BY adding to  
 26 Article – State Finance and Procurement  
 27 Section 3.5–2A–01 through ~~3.5–2A–07~~ 3.5–2A–06 to be under the new subtitle  
 28 “Subtitle 2A. Office of Security Management”; and 3.5–404(d) and (e), 3.5–405  
 29 ~~and 12–107(b)(2)(i)–12,~~ 3.5–406, 4–316.1, and 13–115  
 30 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 31 (2021 Replacement Volume)

32 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 33 Article – State Finance and Procurement  
 34 ~~Section 3.5–301(j), 3.5–302(e), 3.5–303, 3.5–305, 3.5–307 through 3.5–314, 3.5–401,~~  
 35 ~~and 3.5–404~~ Section 3.5–301(i) and (j), 3.5–302, 3.5–303, 3.5–307, 3.5–309(c),  
 36 (i), and (l), and 3.5–311(a)(2)(i)  
 37 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 38 (2021 Replacement Volume)  
 39 (As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

40 ~~BY repealing~~

1 ~~Article – State Finance and Procurement~~  
 2 ~~Section 3.5–306~~  
 3 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~  
 4 ~~(2021 Replacement Volume)~~  
 5 ~~(As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)~~

6 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~  
 7 ~~Article – State Finance and Procurement~~  
 8 ~~Section 12–107(b)(2)(i)10. and 11.~~  
 9 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~  
 10 ~~(2021 Replacement Volume)~~

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
 12 That Section(s) 3A–101 through 3A–702, respectively, and the title “Title 3A. Department  
 13 of Information Technology” of Article – State Finance and Procurement of the Annotated  
 14 Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 3.5–101 through 3.5–702, respectively,  
 15 and the title “Title 3.5. Department of Information Technology”.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read  
 17 as follows:

### 18 Article – Criminal Procedure

19 10–221.

20 (b) Subject to Title [3A] 3.5, Subtitle 3 of the State Finance and Procurement  
 21 Article, the regulations adopted by the Secretary under subsection (a)(1) of this section and  
 22 the rules adopted by the Court of Appeals under subsection (a)(2) of this section shall:

23 (1) regulate the collection, reporting, and dissemination of criminal history  
 24 record information by a court and criminal justice units;

25 (2) ensure the security of the criminal justice information system and  
 26 criminal history record information reported to and collected from it;

27 (3) regulate the dissemination of criminal history record information in  
 28 accordance with Subtitle 1 of this title and this subtitle;

29 (4) regulate the procedures for inspecting and challenging criminal history  
 30 record information;

31 (5) regulate the auditing of criminal justice units to ensure that criminal  
 32 history record information is:

33 (i) accurate and complete; and

1 (ii) collected, reported, and disseminated in accordance with Subtitle  
2 1 of this title and this subtitle;

3 (6) regulate the development and content of agreements between the  
4 Central Repository and criminal justice units and noncriminal justice units; and

5 (7) regulate the development of a fee schedule and provide for the collection  
6 of the fees for obtaining criminal history record information for other than criminal justice  
7 purposes.

### 8 Article – Health – General

9 21–2C–03.

10 (h) (2) The Board is subject to the following provisions of the State Finance  
11 and Procurement Article:

12 (i) Title [3A] 3.5, Subtitle 3 (Information Processing), to the extent  
13 that the Secretary of Information Technology determines that an information technology  
14 project of the Board is a major information technology development project;

### 15 Article – Human Services

16 7–806.

17 (a) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the programs under §  
18 7–804(a) of this subtitle, § 7–902(a) of this title, and [§ 3A–702] § 3.5–702 of the State  
19 Finance and Procurement Article shall be funded as provided in the State budget.

20 (2) For fiscal year 2019 and each fiscal year thereafter, the program under  
21 [§ 3A–702] § 3.5–702 of the State Finance and Procurement Article shall be funded at an  
22 amount that:

23 (i) is equal to the cost that the Department of Aging is expected to  
24 incur for the upcoming fiscal year to provide the service and administer the program; and

25 (ii) does not exceed 5 cents per month for each account out of the  
26 surcharge amount authorized under subsection (c) of this section.

27 (b) (1) There is a Universal Service Trust Fund created for the purpose of  
28 paying the costs of maintaining and operating the programs under:

29 (i) § 7–804(a) of this subtitle, subject to the limitations and controls  
30 provided in this subtitle;

31 (ii) § 7–902(a) of this title, subject to the limitations and controls  
32 provided in Subtitle 9 of this title; and

1 (iii) [§ 3A-702] § 3.5-702 of the State Finance and Procurement  
2 Article, subject to the limitations and controls provided in Title [3A] 3.5, Subtitle 7 of the  
3 State Finance and Procurement Article.

4 (c) (1) The costs of the programs under § 7-804(a) of this subtitle, § 7-902(a)  
5 of this title, and [§ 3A-702] § 3.5-702 of the State Finance and Procurement Article shall  
6 be funded by revenues generated by:

7 (i) a surcharge to be paid by the subscribers to a communications  
8 service; and

9 (ii) other funds as provided in the State budget.

10 (d) (1) The Secretary shall annually certify to the Public Service Commission  
11 the costs of the programs under § 7-804(a) of this subtitle, § 7-902(a) of this title, and [§  
12 3A-702] § 3.5-702 of the State Finance and Procurement Article to be paid by the  
13 Universal Service Trust Fund for the following fiscal year.

14 (2) (i) The Public Service Commission shall determine the surcharge  
15 for the following fiscal year necessary to fund the programs under § 7-804(a) of this subtitle,  
16 § 7-902(a) of this title, and [§ 3A-702] § 3.5-702 of the State Finance and Procurement  
17 Article.

18 (g) (1) The Legislative Auditor may conduct postaudits of a fiscal and  
19 compliance nature of the Universal Service Trust Fund and the expenditures made for  
20 purposes of § 7-804(a) of this subtitle, § 7-902(a) of this title, and [§ 3A-702] § 3.5-702 of  
21 the State Finance and Procurement Article.

## 22 Article – Insurance

23 31-103.

24 (a) The Exchange is subject to:

25 (2) the following provisions of the State Finance and Procurement Article:

26 (i) Title [3A] 3.5, Subtitle 3 (Information Processing), to the extent  
27 that the Secretary of Information Technology determines that an information technology  
28 project of the Exchange is a major information technology development project;

29 (b) The Exchange is not subject to:

30 (2) Title [3A] 3.5, Subtitle 3 (Information Processing) of the State Finance  
31 and Procurement Article, except to the extent determined by the Secretary of Information  
32 Technology under subsection (a)(2)(i) of this section;

## 1 Article – Natural Resources

2 1–403.

3 (c) The Department shall develop the electronic system consistent with the  
4 statewide information technology master plan developed under Title [3A] 3.5, Subtitle 3 of  
5 the State Finance and Procurement Article.

6 ~~Article – Public Safety~~7 ~~14-104.1.~~

8 (A) (1) ~~IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS~~  
9 ~~INDICATED.~~

10 (2) ~~“OFFICE” MEANS THE CYBERSECURITY COORDINATION AND~~  
11 ~~OPERATIONS OFFICE ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.~~

12 (3) ~~“REGION” MEANS A COLLECTION OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.~~

13 (B) ~~THERE IS A CYBERSECURITY COORDINATION AND OPERATIONS~~  
14 ~~OFFICE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.~~

15 (C) ~~THE PURPOSE OF THE OFFICE IS TO:~~

16 (1) ~~IMPROVE LOCAL, REGIONAL, AND STATEWIDE CYBERSECURITY~~  
17 ~~READINESS AND RESPONSE;~~

18 (2) ~~ASSIST POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, SCHOOL BOARDS, AND~~  
19 ~~AGENCIES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF CYBERSECURITY DISRUPTION PLANS;~~

20 (3) ~~IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION~~  
21 ~~TECHNOLOGY, COORDINATE WITH POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, LOCAL AGENCIES,~~  
22 ~~AND STATE AGENCIES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CYBERSECURITY BEST~~  
23 ~~PRACTICES;~~

24 (4) ~~COORDINATE WITH POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND AGENCIES ON~~  
25 ~~THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STATEWIDE MASTER PLAN DEVELOPED BY THE~~  
26 ~~DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UNDER TITLE 3.5, SUBTITLE 3 OF~~  
27 ~~THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE; AND~~

28 (5) ~~CONSULT WITH THE STATE CHIEF INFORMATION SECURITY~~  
29 ~~OFFICER AND THE SECRETARY OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO CONNECT~~

~~POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND AGENCIES TO THE APPROPRIATE RESOURCES FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE RELATED TO CYBERSECURITY READINESS AND RESPONSE.~~

~~(D) (1) THE HEAD OF THE OFFICE IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR.~~

~~(2) THE OFFICE OF SECURITY MANAGEMENT SHALL PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE OFFICE.~~

~~(E) (1) THE OFFICE SHALL ESTABLISH REGIONAL ASSISTANCE GROUPS TO DELIVER OR COORDINATE SUPPORT SERVICES TO POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, AGENCIES, OR REGIONS.~~

~~(2) THE OFFICE MAY HIRE OR PROCURE REGIONAL COORDINATORS TO DELIVER OR COORDINATE THE SERVICES UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.~~

~~(3) THE OFFICE SHALL PROVIDE OR COORDINATE SUPPORT SERVICES UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION THAT INCLUDE:~~

~~(I) CONNECTING MULTIPLE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND AGENCIES WITH EACH OTHER TO SHARE BEST PRACTICES OR OTHER INFORMATION TO INCREASE READINESS OR RESPONSE EFFECTIVENESS;~~

~~(II) PROVIDING TECHNICAL SERVICES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CYBERSECURITY BEST PRACTICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (C)(3) OF THIS SECTION;~~

~~(III) COMPLETING CYBERSECURITY RISK ASSESSMENTS;~~

~~(IV) DEVELOPING CYBER SCORECARDS AND REPORTS ON REGIONAL READINESS;~~

~~(V) CREATING AND UPDATING CYBERSECURITY DISRUPTION PLANS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (C)(2) OF THIS SECTION; AND~~

~~(VI) CONDUCTING REGIONAL EXERCISES IN COORDINATION WITH THE NATIONAL GUARD, THE DEPARTMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGERS, AND OTHER STATE AND LOCAL ENTITIES.~~

~~(F) (1) THE OFFICE SHALL PROVIDE REGULAR TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR COUNTIES AND MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS IN THE STATE.~~

~~(2) TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY THE OFFICE SHALL:~~

~~(I) BE DESIGNED TO ENSURE STAFF FOR COUNTIES AND MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS ARE CAPABLE OF COOPERATING EFFECTIVELY WITH THE DEPARTMENT IN THE EVENT OF A CYBERSECURITY EMERGENCY; AND~~

~~(II) INCORPORATE BEST PRACTICES AND GUIDELINES FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS PROVIDED BY THE MULTI STATE INFORMATION SHARING AND ANALYSIS CENTER AND THE CYBERSECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AGENCY.~~

~~(C) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, THE OFFICE SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE OFFICE.~~

### Article – State Finance and Procurement

3.5-101.

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

(e) “Unit of State government” means an agency or unit of the Executive Branch of State government.

### SUBTITLE 2A. OFFICE OF SECURITY MANAGEMENT.

3.5-2A-01.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) “COUNCIL” MEANS THE MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COORDINATING COUNCIL.

(C) “OFFICE” MEANS THE OFFICE OF SECURITY MANAGEMENT.

3.5-2A-02.

THERE IS AN OFFICE OF SECURITY MANAGEMENT WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.

3.5-2A-03.

(A) THE HEAD OF THE OFFICE IS THE STATE CHIEF INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICER.

1           **(B) THE STATE CHIEF INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICER SHALL:**

2                   **(1) BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND**  
3 **CONSENT OF THE SENATE;**

4                   **(2) SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR;**

5                   **(3) BE SUPERVISED BY THE SECRETARY; AND**

6                   **(4) SERVE AS THE CHIEF INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICER OF THE**  
7 **DEPARTMENT.**

8           **(C) AN INDIVIDUAL APPOINTED AS THE STATE CHIEF INFORMATION**  
9 **SECURITY OFFICER UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION SHALL:**

10                   **(1) AT A MINIMUM, HOLD A BACHELOR'S DEGREE;**

11                   **(2) HOLD APPROPRIATE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OR**  
12 **CYBERSECURITY CERTIFICATIONS;**

13                   **(3) HAVE EXPERIENCE:**

14                           **(I) IDENTIFYING, IMPLEMENTING, ~~AND~~ OR ASSESSING**  
15 **SECURITY CONTROLS;**

16                           **(II) IN INFRASTRUCTURE, SYSTEMS ENGINEERING, ~~AND~~ OR**  
17 **CYBERSECURITY;**

18                           **(III) MANAGING HIGHLY TECHNICAL SECURITY, SECURITY**  
19 **OPERATIONS CENTERS, AND INCIDENT RESPONSE TEAMS IN A COMPLEX CLOUD**  
20 **ENVIRONMENT AND SUPPORTING MULTIPLE SITES; AND**

21                           **(IV) WORKING WITH COMMON INFORMATION SECURITY**  
22 **MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORKS;**

23                   **(4) HAVE EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**  
24 **AND CYBERSECURITY FIELD CONCEPTS, BEST PRACTICES, AND PROCEDURES, WITH**  
25 **AN UNDERSTANDING OF EXISTING ENTERPRISE CAPABILITIES AND LIMITATIONS TO**  
26 **ENSURE THE SECURE INTEGRATION AND OPERATION OF SECURITY NETWORKS AND**  
27 **SYSTEMS; AND**

28                   **(5) HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF CURRENT SECURITY REGULATIONS.**

1       ~~(C)~~ **(D)**       THE STATE CHIEF INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICER SHALL  
2 PROVIDE CYBERSECURITY ADVICE AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR ON  
3 REQUEST.

4       ~~(D)~~ **(E)**       **(1) (I)**       THERE IS A DIRECTOR OF LOCAL CYBERSECURITY  
5 WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE STATE CHIEF INFORMATION SECURITY  
6 OFFICER.

7                       **(II)**       THE DIRECTOR OF LOCAL CYBERSECURITY SHALL WORK  
8 IN COORDINATION WITH THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY  
9 MANAGEMENT TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, COORDINATE RESOURCES,  
10 AND IMPROVE CYBERSECURITY PREPAREDNESS FOR UNITS OF LOCAL  
11 GOVERNMENT.

12                      **(2) (I)**       THERE IS A DIRECTOR OF STATE CYBERSECURITY WHO  
13 SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE STATE CHIEF INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICER.

14                      **(II)**       THE DIRECTOR OF STATE CYBERSECURITY IS  
15 RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION WITH RESPECT TO UNITS OF  
16 STATE GOVERNMENT.

17       ~~(E)~~ **(F)**       THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE THE OFFICE WITH  
18 SUFFICIENT STAFF TO PERFORM THE FUNCTIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

19       ~~(F) THE OFFICE MAY PROCURE RESOURCES, INCLUDING REGIONAL  
20 COORDINATORS, NECESSARY TO FULFILL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE.~~

21 **3.5-2A-04.**

22       **(A) (1)**       THE OFFICE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR:

23                      ~~(1)~~ **(1)**       THE DIRECTION, COORDINATION, AND IMPLEMENTATION  
24 OF THE OVERALL CYBERSECURITY STRATEGY AND POLICY FOR UNITS OF STATE  
25 GOVERNMENT; AND

26                      ~~(2) THE COORDINATION OF RESOURCES AND EFFORTS TO  
27 IMPLEMENT CYBERSECURITY BEST PRACTICES AND IMPROVE OVERALL  
28 CYBERSECURITY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE FOR UNITS OF LOCAL  
29 GOVERNMENT, LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS, LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS, AND LOCAL  
30 HEALTH DEPARTMENTS.~~

31                      **(II)**       COORDINATING WITH THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF  
32 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CYBER PREPAREDNESS UNIT DURING EMERGENCY  
33 RESPONSE EFFORTS.

1           **(2) THE OFFICE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INFORMATION**  
2 **TECHNOLOGY INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS NORMALLY**  
3 **CONDUCTED BY A UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT, A UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, A**  
4 **LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD, A LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM, OR A LOCAL HEALTH**  
5 **DEPARTMENT.**

6           **(B) THE OFFICE SHALL:**

7           **(1) ESTABLISH STANDARDS TO CATEGORIZE ALL INFORMATION**  
8 **COLLECTED OR MAINTAINED BY OR ON BEHALF OF EACH UNIT OF STATE**  
9 **GOVERNMENT;**

10           **(2) ESTABLISH STANDARDS TO CATEGORIZE ALL INFORMATION**  
11 **SYSTEMS MAINTAINED BY OR ON BEHALF OF EACH UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT;**

12           **(3) DEVELOP GUIDELINES GOVERNING THE TYPES OF INFORMATION**  
13 **AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN EACH CATEGORY;**

14           **(4) ESTABLISH SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR INFORMATION AND**  
15 **INFORMATION SYSTEMS IN EACH CATEGORY;**

16           **(5) ASSESS THE CATEGORIZATION OF INFORMATION AND**  
17 **INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND THE ASSOCIATED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SECURITY**  
18 **REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED UNDER ITEM (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION;**

19           **(6) IF THE STATE CHIEF INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICER**  
20 **DETERMINES THAT THERE ARE SECURITY VULNERABILITIES OR DEFICIENCIES IN**  
21 **~~THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SECURITY REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED UNDER~~**  
22 **~~ITEM (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, DETERMINE WHETHER AN INFORMATION SYSTEM~~**  
23 **~~SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE OR BE CONNECTED TO THE~~**  
24 **~~NETWORK ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 3.5-404 OF THIS TITLE; ANY~~**  
25 **INFORMATION SYSTEMS, DETERMINE AND DIRECT OR TAKE ACTIONS NECESSARY TO**  
26 **CORRECT OR REMEDIATE THE VULNERABILITIES OR DEFICIENCIES, WHICH MAY**  
27 **INCLUDE REQUIRING THE INFORMATION SYSTEM TO BE DISCONNECTED;**

28           **(7) IF THE STATE CHIEF INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICER**  
29 **DETERMINES THAT THERE IS A CYBERSECURITY THREAT CAUSED BY AN ENTITY**  
30 **CONNECTED TO THE NETWORK ESTABLISHED UNDER § 3.5-404 OF THIS TITLE THAT**  
31 **INTRODUCES A SERIOUS RISK TO ENTITIES CONNECTED TO THE NETWORK OR TO**  
32 **THE STATE, TAKE OR DIRECT ACTIONS REQUIRED TO MITIGATE THE THREAT;**

33           **~~(7)~~ (8) MANAGE SECURITY AWARENESS TRAINING FOR ALL**  
34 **APPROPRIATE EMPLOYEES OF UNITS OF STATE GOVERNMENT;**

1           ~~(8)~~ (9)       ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF DATA MANAGEMENT,  
2 DATA GOVERNANCE, AND DATA SPECIFICATION STANDARDS TO PROMOTE  
3 STANDARDIZATION AND REDUCE RISK;

4           ~~(9)~~ (10)     ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A DIGITAL IDENTITY  
5 STANDARD AND SPECIFICATION APPLICABLE TO ALL PARTIES COMMUNICATING,  
6 INTERACTING, OR CONDUCTING BUSINESS WITH OR ON BEHALF OF A UNIT OF STATE  
7 GOVERNMENT;

8           ~~(10)~~ (11)    DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
9 SECURITY POLICY, STANDARDS, AND GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS, CONSISTENT WITH  
10 BEST PRACTICES DEVELOPED BY THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND  
11 TECHNOLOGY;

12          ~~(11)~~ (12)    TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, SEEK, IDENTIFY, AND  
13 INFORM RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS OF ANY AVAILABLE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
14 PROVIDED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR NON-STATE ENTITIES TO SUPPORT  
15 THE WORK OF THE OFFICE;

16          ~~(12) REVIEW AND CERTIFY LOCAL CYBERSECURITY PREPAREDNESS  
17 AND RESPONSE PLANS;~~

18          (13)    PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCALITIES IN MITIGATING  
19 AND RECOVERING FROM CYBERSECURITY INCIDENTS; AND

20          (14)    PROVIDE TECHNICAL SERVICES, ADVICE, AND GUIDANCE TO  
21 UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE CYBERSECURITY PREPAREDNESS,  
22 PREVENTION, RESPONSE, AND RECOVERY PRACTICES.

23          (C)    THE OFFICE, IN COORDINATION WITH THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT  
24 OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, SHALL:

25               (1)    ASSIST LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, INCLUDING COUNTIES,  
26 SCHOOL SYSTEMS, SCHOOL BOARDS, AND LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, IN:

27                   (I)    THE DEVELOPMENT OF CYBERSECURITY PREPAREDNESS  
28 AND RESPONSE PLANS; AND

29                   (II)   IMPLEMENTING BEST PRACTICES AND GUIDANCE  
30 DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT; AND

1           **(2) CONNECT LOCAL ENTITIES TO APPROPRIATE RESOURCES FOR**  
 2 **ANY OTHER PURPOSE RELATED TO CYBERSECURITY PREPAREDNESS AND**  
 3 **RESPONSE; AND**

4           ~~**(3) DEVELOP APPROPRIATE REPORTS ON LOCAL CYBERSECURITY**~~  
 5 ~~**PREPAREDNESS.**~~

6           **(D) THE OFFICE, IN COORDINATION WITH THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT**  
 7 **OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, MAY:**

8           **(1) CONDUCT REGIONAL EXERCISES, AS NECESSARY, IN**  
 9 **COORDINATION WITH THE NATIONAL GUARD, LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGERS, AND**  
 10 **OTHER STATE AND LOCAL ENTITIES; AND**

11           **(2) ESTABLISH REGIONAL ASSISTANCE GROUPS TO DELIVER OR**  
 12 **COORDINATE SUPPORT SERVICES TO LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, AGENCIES,**  
 13 **OR REGIONS.**

14           **(E) (1) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31 EACH YEAR, THE OFFICE SHALL**  
 15 **REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE**  
 16 **GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE, THE**  
 17 **SENATE EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, THE**  
 18 **HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, THE HOUSE HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT**  
 19 **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, AND THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON CYBERSECURITY,**  
 20 **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, AND BIOTECHNOLOGY ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE**  
 21 **OFFICE AND THE STATE OF CYBERSECURITY PREPAREDNESS IN MARYLAND,**  
 22 **INCLUDING:**

23           ~~**(1)**~~ **(I) THE ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE OFFICE**  
 24 **DURING THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS AT THE STATE AND LOCAL LEVELS; AND**

25           ~~**(2)**~~ **(II) A COMPILATION AND ANALYSIS OF THE DATA FROM THE**  
 26 **INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE REPORTS RECEIVED BY THE OFFICE UNDER §**  
 27 **3.5-405 OF THIS TITLE, INCLUDING:**

28           ~~**(1)**~~ **1. A SUMMARY OF THE ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY THE**  
 29 **CYBERSECURITY PREPAREDNESS ASSESSMENTS CONDUCTED THAT YEAR;**

30           ~~**(1)**~~ **2. THE STATUS OF VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENTS OF**  
 31 **ALL UNITS OF STATE GOVERNMENT AND A TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION AND COST**  
 32 **TO REMEDIATE ANY VULNERABILITIES EXPOSED;**

1           ~~(III)~~ 3. RECENT AUDIT FINDINGS OF ALL UNITS OF STATE  
2 GOVERNMENT AND OPTIONS TO IMPROVE FINDINGS IN FUTURE AUDITS, INCLUDING  
3 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STAFF, BUDGET, AND TIMING;

4           ~~(IV)~~ 4. ANALYSIS OF THE STATE'S EXPENDITURE ON  
5 CYBERSECURITY RELATIVE TO OVERALL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SPENDING  
6 FOR THE PRIOR 3 YEARS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGES TO THE BUDGET,  
7 INCLUDING AMOUNT, PURPOSE, AND TIMING TO IMPROVE STATE AND LOCAL  
8 CYBERSECURITY PREPAREDNESS;

9           ~~(V)~~ 5. EFFORTS TO SECURE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR  
10 CYBER RISK MITIGATION FROM FEDERAL OR OTHER NON-STATE RESOURCES;

11           ~~(VI)~~ 6. KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS ON THE  
12 CYBERSECURITY STRATEGIES IN THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
13 MASTER PLAN, INCLUDING TIME, BUDGET, AND STAFF REQUIRED FOR  
14 IMPLEMENTATION; AND

15           ~~(VII)~~ 7. ANY ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR  
16 IMPROVING STATE AND LOCAL CYBERSECURITY PREPAREDNESS.

17           (2) A REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT  
18 CONTAIN INFORMATION THAT REVEALS CYBERSECURITY VULNERABILITIES AND  
19 RISKS IN THE STATE.

20 **3.5-2A-05.**

21           (A) THERE IS A MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COORDINATING COUNCIL.

22           (B) (1) THE COUNCIL CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

23           ~~(1) THE SECRETARY OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT, OR THE~~  
24 ~~SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;~~

25           ~~(2) THE SECRETARY OF GENERAL SERVICES, OR THE SECRETARY'S~~  
26 ~~DESIGNEE;~~

27           ~~(3) THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;~~

28           ~~(4) THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN SERVICES, OR THE SECRETARY'S~~  
29 ~~DESIGNEE;~~

30           ~~(5) THE SECRETARY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL~~  
31 ~~SERVICES, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;~~

1           ~~(6) THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, OR THE SECRETARY'S~~  
2 ~~DESIGNEE;~~

3           ~~(7) THE SECRETARY OF DISABILITIES, OR THE SECRETARY'S~~  
4 ~~DESIGNEE;~~

5                   (I) THE SECRETARY OF EACH OF THE PRINCIPAL  
6 DEPARTMENTS LISTED IN § 8-201 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, OR A  
7 SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

8           ~~(8) (II) THE STATE CHIEF INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICER;~~

9           ~~(9) (III) THE ADJUTANT GENERAL OF THE MARYLAND NATIONAL~~  
10 ~~GUARD, OR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DESIGNEE;~~

11           ~~(10) THE SECRETARY OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, OR THE~~  
12 ~~SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;~~

13           ~~(11) (IV) THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STATE POLICE, OR THE~~  
14 ~~SUPERINTENDENT'S DESIGNEE;~~

15           ~~(12) (V) THE DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF~~  
16 ~~HOMELAND SECURITY, OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;~~

17           ~~(13) (VI) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF~~  
18 ~~LEGISLATIVE SERVICES, OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;~~

19           ~~(14) (VII) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE~~  
20 ~~OF THE COURTS;~~

21           ~~(15) (VIII) THE CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF~~  
22 ~~MARYLAND, OR THE CHANCELLOR'S DESIGNEE; AND~~

23           ~~(16) (IX) ANY OTHER STAKEHOLDER THAT THE STATE CHIEF~~  
24 ~~INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICER DEEMS APPROPRIATE.~~

25                   (2) IF A DESIGNEE SERVES ON THE COUNCIL IN PLACE OF AN  
26 OFFICIAL LISTED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE DESIGNEE SHALL  
27 REPORT INFORMATION FROM THE COUNCIL MEETINGS AND OTHER  
28 COMMUNICATIONS TO THE OFFICIAL.

1           **(C) IN ADDITION TO THE MEMBERS LISTED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS**  
2 **SECTION, THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTATIVES MAY SERVE AS NONVOTING**  
3 **MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:**

4           **(1) ONE MEMBER OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY THE**  
5 **PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;**

6           **(2) ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY THE**  
7 **SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE; AND**

8           **(3) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE JUDICIARY, APPOINTED BY THE**  
9 **CHIEF JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS.**

10           ~~(C)~~ **(D) THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL IS THE STATE CHIEF INFORMATION**  
11 **SECURITY OFFICER.**

12           ~~(D)~~ **(E) (1) THE COUNCIL SHALL MEET AT LEAST QUARTERLY AT THE**  
13 **REQUEST OF THE CHAIR.**

14           ~~(2) MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL SHALL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC~~  
15 ~~AND NOT SUBJECT TO TITLE 3 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS ARTICLE.~~

16           ~~(E)~~ **(F) THE COUNCIL SHALL:**

17           **(1) PROVIDE ADVICE AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STATE CHIEF**  
18 **INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICER REGARDING:**

19                   **(I) THE STRATEGY AND IMPLEMENTATION OF CYBERSECURITY**  
20 **INITIATIVES AND RECOMMENDATIONS; AND**

21                   **(II) BUILDING AND SUSTAINING THE CAPABILITY OF THE STATE**  
22 **TO IDENTIFY AND MITIGATE CYBERSECURITY RISK AND RESPOND TO AND RECOVER**  
23 **FROM CYBERSECURITY-RELATED INCIDENTS.**

24           **(2) USE THE ANALYSIS COMPILED BY THE OFFICE UNDER §**  
25 **3.5-2A-04(E)(2) OF THIS SUBTITLE TO PRIORITIZE CYBERSECURITY RISK ACROSS**  
26 **THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT AND MAKE CORRESPONDING**  
27 **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SECURITY INVESTMENTS IN THE GOVERNOR'S ANNUAL**  
28 **BUDGET.**

29           ~~(F)~~ **(G) IN CARRYING OUT THE DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL, THE COUNCIL**  
30 **MAY SHALL CONSULT WITH OUTSIDE EXPERTS, INCLUDING EXPERTS IN THE**  
31 **PRIVATE SECTOR, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER**  
32 **EDUCATION.**

1 **3.5-2A-06.**

2 ~~THE COUNCIL SHALL STUDY THE SECURITY AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF~~  
 3 ~~EXECUTING PARTNERSHIPS WITH OTHER STATES TO PROCURE INFORMATION~~  
 4 ~~TECHNOLOGY AND CYBERSECURITY PRODUCTS AND SERVICES, INCLUDING THE~~  
 5 ~~IMPLICATIONS FOR POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE.~~

6 ~~3.5-2A-07.~~

7 **THE COUNCIL SHALL:**

8 **(1) PROMOTE CYBERSECURITY EDUCATION AND TRAINING**  
 9 **OPPORTUNITIES TO STRENGTHEN THE STATE'S CYBERSECURITY CAPABILITIES BY**  
 10 **EXPANDING EXISTING AGREEMENTS WITH EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS;**

11 **(2) UTILIZE RELATIONSHIPS WITH INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER**  
 12 **EDUCATION TO ADVERTISE CYBERSECURITY CAREERS AND JOB POSITIONS**  
 13 **AVAILABLE IN STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING THE MARYLAND**  
 14 **TECHNOLOGY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER TITLE 18, SUBTITLE 30**  
 15 **OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE; AND.**

16 ~~**(3) ASSIST INTERESTED CANDIDATES WITH APPLYING FOR**~~  
 17 ~~**CYBERSECURITY POSITIONS IN STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT.**~~

18 **3.5-301.**

19 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

20 (i) "Master plan" means the statewide information technology master plan AND  
 21 STATEWIDE CYBERSECURITY STRATEGY.

22 (j) "Nonvisual access" means the ability, through keyboard control, synthesized  
 23 speech, Braille, or other methods not requiring sight to receive, use, and manipulate  
 24 information and operate controls necessary to access information technology in accordance  
 25 with standards adopted under [§ 3A-303(b)] **§ 3.5-303(B)** of this subtitle.

26 **3.5-302.**

27 (a) This subtitle does not apply to changes relating to or the purchase, lease, or  
 28 rental of information technology by:

29 (1) public institutions of higher education solely for academic or research  
 30 purposes;

- 1           (2)    the Maryland Port Administration;
- 2           (3)    the University System of Maryland;
- 3           (4)    St. Mary's College of Maryland;
- 4           (5)    Morgan State University;
- 5           (6)    the Maryland Stadium Authority; [or]
- 6           (7)    Baltimore City Community College;
- 7           (8)    THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT; OR
- 8           (9)    THE JUDICIAL BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT.

9           (b)    Except as provided in subsection (a) of this section, this subtitle applies to any  
 10 project of a unit of the Executive Branch of State government that involves an agreement  
 11 with a public institution of higher education for a portion of the development of the project,  
 12 whether the work on the development is done directly or indirectly by the public institution  
 13 of higher education.

14           (c)    Notwithstanding any other provision of law, except as provided in subsection  
 15 (a) of this section and [§§ 3A-307(a)(2), 3A-308, and 3A-309] ~~§§ 3.5-306(A)(2), 3.5-307,~~  
 16 ~~3.5-307(A)(2), 3.5-308 AND 3.5-308 3.5-309~~ of this subtitle, this subtitle applies to all  
 17 units of the Executive Branch of State government including public institutions of higher  
 18 education other than Morgan State University, the University System of Maryland, St.  
 19 Mary's College of Maryland, and Baltimore City Community College.

20 3.5-303.

21           (a)    The Secretary is responsible for carrying out the following duties:

22                   (1)    developing, maintaining, revising, and enforcing information  
 23 technology policies, procedures, and standards;

24                   (2)    providing technical assistance, advice, and recommendations to the  
 25 Governor and any unit of State government concerning information technology matters;

26                   (3)    reviewing the annual project plan for each unit of State government to  
 27 make information and services available to the public over the Internet;

28                   (4)    developing and maintaining a statewide information technology master  
 29 plan that will:

1 (i) [be the basis for] **CENTRALIZE** the management and direction of  
 2 information technology **POLICY** within the Executive Branch of State government **UNDER**  
 3 **THE CONTROL OF THE DEPARTMENT**;

4 (ii) include all aspects of State information technology including  
 5 telecommunications, security, data processing, and information management;

6 (iii) consider interstate transfers as a result of federal legislation and  
 7 regulation;

8 (iv) [work jointly with the Secretary of Budget and Management to  
 9 ensure that information technology plans and budgets are consistent;

10 (v) ensure that **THE** State information technology [plans, policies,]  
 11 **PLAN AND RELATED POLICIES** and standards are consistent with State goals, objectives,  
 12 and resources, and represent a long-range vision for using information technology to  
 13 improve the overall effectiveness of State government; ~~and~~

14 [(vi)] **(V)** include standards to assure nonvisual access to the  
 15 information and services made available to the public over the Internet; **AND**

16 **(VI) ALLOWS A STATE AGENCY TO MAINTAIN THE AGENCY'S OWN**  
 17 **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UNIT THAT PROVIDES FOR INFORMATION**  
 18 **TECHNOLOGY SERVICES TO SUPPORT THE MISSION OF THE AGENCY;**

19 ~~**(5) PROVIDING OR COORDINATING THE PROCUREMENT OF MANAGED**~~  
 20 ~~**CYBERSECURITY SERVICES THAT ARE PAID FOR BY THE STATE AND USED BY LOCAL**~~  
 21 ~~**GOVERNMENTS;**~~

22 ~~**(6) (5) DEVELOPING AND MAINTAINING A STATEWIDE**~~  
 23 ~~**CYBERSECURITY MASTER PLAN STRATEGY THAT WILL:**~~

24 **(I) CENTRALIZE THE MANAGEMENT AND DIRECTION OF**  
 25 **CYBERSECURITY STRATEGY WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE**  
 26 **GOVERNMENT UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE DEPARTMENT; AND**

27 **(II) SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FOR**  
 28 **CYBERSECURITY PREPAREDNESS FOR THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE**  
 29 **GOVERNMENT;**

30 **[(5)] ~~(7)~~ (6)** adopting by regulation and enforcing nonvisual access standards  
 31 to be used in the procurement of information technology services by or on behalf of units of  
 32 State government in accordance with subsection (b) of this section;

1            ~~[(6)]~~ ~~(8)~~ **(7)** in consultation with the [Attorney General,] **MARYLAND**  
 2 **CYBERSECURITY COORDINATING COUNCIL**, advising and overseeing a consistent  
 3 cybersecurity strategy for units of State government, including institutions under the  
 4 control of the governing boards of the public institutions of higher education;

5            ~~[(7)]~~ ~~(9)~~ **(8)** advising and consulting with the Legislative and Judicial  
 6 branches of State government regarding a cybersecurity strategy; and

7            ~~[(8)]~~ ~~(10)~~ **(9)** in consultation with the [Attorney General,] **MARYLAND**  
 8 **CYBERSECURITY COORDINATING COUNCIL**, developing guidance on consistent  
 9 cybersecurity strategies for counties, municipal corporations, school systems, and all other  
 10 political subdivisions of the State.

11            (b) Nothing in subsection (a) of this section may be construed as establishing a  
 12 mandate for any entity listed in subsection ~~[(a)(8)]~~ **(A)(10)** of this section.

13            (c) On or before January 1, 2020, the Secretary, or the Secretary's designee, shall:

14            (1) adopt new nonvisual access procurement standards that:

15            (i) provide an individual with disabilities with nonvisual access in a  
 16 way that is fully and equally accessible to and independently usable by the individual with  
 17 disabilities so that the individual is able to acquire the same information, engage in the  
 18 same interactions, and enjoy the same services as users without disabilities, with  
 19 substantially equivalent ease of use; and

20            (ii) are consistent with the standards of § 508 of the federal  
 21 Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and

22            (2) establish a process for the Secretary or the Secretary's designee to:

23            (i) determine whether information technology meets the nonvisual  
 24 access standards adopted under item (1) of this subsection; and

25            (ii) 1. for information technology procured by a State unit before  
 26 January 1, 2020, and still used by the State unit on or after January 1, 2020, work with the  
 27 vendor to modify the information technology to meet the nonvisual access standards, if  
 28 practicable; or

29            2. for information technology procured by a State unit on or  
 30 after January 1, 2020, enforce the nonvisual access clause developed under ~~[§ 3A-311]~~ **§**  
 31 ~~3.5-310~~ **3.5-311** of this subtitle, including the enforcement of the civil penalty described  
 32 in ~~[§ 3A-311(a)(2)(iii)1]~~ **§ 3.5-310(A)(2)(III)1** ~~3.5-311(A)(2)(III)1~~ of this subtitle.

33            **(D) (1) THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE AN APPROPRIATION IN THE**  
 34 **ANNUAL BUDGET BILL IN AN AMOUNT NECESSARY TO COVER THE COSTS OF**

1 IMPLEMENTING THE STATEWIDE CYBERSECURITY MASTER PLAN DEVELOPED  
 2 UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION WITHOUT THE NEED FOR THE  
 3 DEPARTMENT TO OPERATE A CHARGE-BACK MODEL FOR CYBERSECURITY  
 4 SERVICES PROVIDED TO OTHER UNITS OF STATE GOVERNMENT OR UNITS OF LOCAL  
 5 GOVERNMENT.

6 (2) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31 EACH YEAR, IN A SEPARATE REPORT  
 7 OR INCLUDED WITHIN A GENERAL BUDGET REPORT, THE GOVERNOR SHALL SUBMIT  
 8 A REPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE  
 9 TO THE SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE  
 10 APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE THAT INCLUDES:

11 (I) SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON THE INFORMATION  
 12 TECHNOLOGY BUDGET AND CYBERSECURITY BUDGET THAT THE GOVERNOR HAS  
 13 SUBMITTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR; AND

14 (II) HOW THE BUDGETS LISTED UNDER ITEM (I) OF THIS  
 15 PARAGRAPH COMPARE TO THE ANNUAL OVERVIEW OF THE U.S. PRESIDENT'S  
 16 BUDGET SUBMISSION ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND CYBERSECURITY TO  
 17 CONGRESS CONDUCTED BY THE U.S. OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET.

18 ~~3-5-305.~~

19 (a) ~~Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, in accordance with~~  
 20 ~~guidelines established by the Secretary, each unit of State government shall develop and~~  
 21 ~~submit to the Secretary:~~

22 (1) ~~information technology policies and standards;~~

23 (2) ~~an information technology plan; and~~

24 (3) ~~an annual project plan outlining the status of efforts to make~~  
 25 ~~information and services available to the public over the Internet.~~

26 (b) (1) ~~The governing boards of the public institutions of higher education shall~~  
 27 ~~develop and submit information technology policies and standards and an information~~  
 28 ~~technology plan for their respective institutions or systems to the Secretary.~~

29 (2) (B) ~~If the Secretary finds that the submissions required under this~~  
 30 ~~subsection] SECTION are consistent with the master plan, the Secretary shall incorporate~~  
 31 ~~those submissions into the master plan.~~

32 (3) (C) ~~If the Secretary finds that the submissions required under this~~  
 33 ~~subsection] SECTION are not consistent with the master plan.~~

1                   (i) ~~the Secretary shall return the submissions to the governing~~  
2 ~~boards; and~~

3                   (ii) ~~the governing boards shall revise the submissions as appropriate~~  
4 ~~and submit the revised policies, standards, and plans to the Secretary.~~

5 ~~§ 3.5-306.~~

6           ~~Information technology of each unit of State government shall be consistent with the~~  
7 ~~master plan.]~~

8 ~~§ 3.5-307.] § 3.5-306.~~

9           (a) (1) ~~[A unit of State government]~~ ~~THE DEPARTMENT~~ may not purchase,  
10 lease, or rent information technology ~~ON BEHALF OF A UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT~~  
11 unless consistent with the master plan STRATEGY.

12           (2) A unit of State government other than a public institution of higher  
13 education ~~[may not make]~~ ~~SHALL SUBMIT REQUESTS FOR~~ expenditures for major  
14 information technology development projects OR CYBERSECURITY PROJECTS except as  
15 provided in [§ 3A-308] ~~§ 3.5-307~~ 3.5-308 of this subtitle.

16           (b) [(1)] The Secretary may review any information technology project OR  
17 CYBERSECURITY PROJECT for consistency with the master plan STRATEGY.

18           ~~[(2) Any information technology project selected for review may not be~~  
19 ~~implemented without the approval of the Secretary.]~~

20           (c) (1) A unit of State government shall advise the Secretary of any  
21 information technology proposal involving resource sharing, the exchange of goods or  
22 services, or a gift, contribution, or grant of real or personal property.

23           (2) The Secretary shall determine if the value of the resources, services,  
24 and property to be obtained by the State under the terms of any proposal submitted in  
25 accordance with the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection equals or exceeds  
26 \$100,000.

27           (3) If the value of any proposal submitted in accordance with this  
28 subsection equals or exceeds \$100,000 and the Secretary and unit agree to proceed with the  
29 proposal, information on the proposal shall be:

30                   (i) advertised for a period of at least 30 days in the eMaryland  
31 Marketplace; and

32                   (ii) submitted, simultaneously with the advertisement, to the  
33 Legislative Policy Committee for a 60-day review and comment period, during which time

1 the Committee may recommend that the proposal be treated as a procurement contract  
2 under Division II of this article.

3 (4) Following the period for review and comment by the Legislative Policy  
4 Committee under paragraph (3) of this subsection, the proposal is subject to approval by  
5 the Board of Public Works.

6 (5) This subsection may not be construed as authorizing an exception from  
7 the requirements of Division II of this article for any contract that otherwise would be  
8 subject to the State procurement process.

9 ~~[3.5 308.] 3.5 307.~~

10 (a) ~~This section does not apply to a public institution of higher education.~~

11 (b) ~~In submitting its information technology project requests, a unit of State  
12 government shall designate projects which are major information technology development  
13 projects.~~

14 (c) ~~In reviewing information technology project requests, the Secretary may  
15 change a unit's designation of a major information technology development project.~~

16 (d) ~~The Secretary shall review and, with the advice of the Secretary of Budget and  
17 Management, approve major information technology development projects and  
18 specifications for consistency with all statewide plans, policies, and standards, including a  
19 systems development life cycle plan.~~

20 (e) ~~The Secretary shall be responsible for overseeing the implementation of major  
21 information technology development projects[, regardless of fund source].~~

22 (f) ~~With the advice of the Secretary of Budget and Management, expenditures for  
23 major information technology development projects shall be subject to the approval of the  
24 Secretary who shall approve expenditures only when those projects are consistent with  
25 statewide plans, policies, and standards.~~

26 (g) (1) ~~The Secretary shall approve funding for major information technology  
27 development projects only when those projects are supported by an approved systems  
28 development life cycle plan.~~

29 (2) ~~An approved systems development life cycle plan shall include  
30 submission of:~~

31 (i) ~~a project planning request that details initial planning for the  
32 project, including:~~

33 ~~1. the project title, appropriation code, and summary;~~

- ~~2. a description of:~~
- ~~A. the needs addressed by the project;~~
- ~~B. the potential risks associated with the project;~~
- ~~C. possible alternatives; and~~
- ~~D. the scope and complexity of the project; and~~
- ~~3. an estimate of:~~
- ~~A. the total costs required to complete through planning; and~~
- ~~B. the fund sources available to support planning costs; and~~

~~(ii) a project implementation request to begin full design, development, and implementation of the project after the completion of planning, including:~~

- ~~1. the project title, appropriation code, and summary;~~
- ~~2. a description of:~~
- ~~A. the needs addressed by the project;~~
- ~~B. the potential risks associated with the project;~~
- ~~C. possible alternatives;~~
- ~~D. the scope and complexity of the project; and~~
- ~~E. how the project meets the goals of the statewide master plan; and~~
- ~~3. an estimate of:~~
- ~~A. the total project cost; and~~
- ~~B. the fund sources available.~~

~~(3) The Secretary may approve funding incrementally, consistent with the systems development life cycle plan.~~

~~[3.5-309.] 3.5-308.~~

~~(a) There is a Major Information Technology Development Project Fund.~~

1       ~~(b) The purpose of the Fund is to support major information technology~~  
2 ~~development projects.~~

3       (c) The Secretary:

4           (1) shall administer the Fund in accordance with this section; and

5           (2) subject to the provisions of § 2-201 of this article and [~~§ 3A-307~~] §  
6 ~~3.5-306~~ 3.5-307 of this subtitle, may receive and accept contributions, grants, or gifts of  
7 money or property.

8       ~~(d) (1) The Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to § 7-302 of~~  
9 ~~this article.~~

10       ~~(2) The State Treasurer shall hold the Fund separately and the~~  
11 ~~Comptroller shall account for the Fund.~~

12       ~~(3) The State Treasurer shall invest and reinvest the money of the Fund in~~  
13 ~~the same manner as other State money may be invested.~~

14       ~~(4) Any investment earnings of the Fund shall be paid into the Fund.~~

15       ~~(e) Except as provided in subsection (f) of this section, the Fund consists of:~~

16           ~~(1) money appropriated in the State budget to the Fund;~~

17           ~~(2) as approved by the Secretary, money received from:~~

18           ~~(i) the sale, lease, or exchange of communication sites,~~  
19 ~~communication facilities, or communication frequencies for information technology~~  
20 ~~purposes; or~~

21           ~~(ii) an information technology agreement involving resource~~  
22 ~~sharing;~~

23           ~~(3) that portion of money earned from pay phone commissions to the extent~~  
24 ~~that the commission rates exceed those in effect in December 1993;~~

25           ~~(4) money received and accepted as contributions, grants, or gifts as~~  
26 ~~authorized under subsection (e) of this section;~~

27           ~~(5) general funds appropriated for major information technology~~  
28 ~~development projects of any unit of State government other than a public institution of~~  
29 ~~higher education that:~~

30           ~~(i) are unencumbered and unexpended at the end of a fiscal year;~~

1           ~~(ii) have been abandoned; or~~

2           ~~(iii) have been withheld by the General Assembly or the Secretary;~~

3           ~~(6) any investment earnings; and~~

4           ~~(7) any other money from any source accepted for the benefit of the Fund.~~

5       ~~(f) The Fund does not include any money:~~

6           ~~(1) received by the Department of Transportation, the Maryland~~  
7 ~~Transportation Authority, Baltimore City Community College, or the Maryland Public~~  
8 ~~Broadcasting Commission;~~

9           ~~(2) received by the Judicial or Legislative branches of State government; or~~

10          ~~(3) generated from pay phone commissions that are credited to other~~  
11 ~~accounts or funds in accordance with other provisions of law or are authorized for other~~  
12 ~~purposes in the State budget or through an approved budget amendment.~~

13       ~~(g) The Governor shall submit with the State budget:~~

14           ~~(1) a summary showing the unencumbered balance in the Fund as of the~~  
15 ~~close of the prior fiscal year and a listing of any encumbrances;~~

16           ~~(2) an estimate of projected revenue from each of the sources specified in~~  
17 ~~subsection (c) of this section for the fiscal year for which the State budget is submitted; and~~

18           ~~(3) a descriptive listing of projects reflecting projected costs for the fiscal~~  
19 ~~year for which the State budget is submitted and any estimated future year costs.~~

20       ~~(h) Expenditures from the Fund shall be made only:~~

21           ~~(1) in accordance with an appropriation approved by the General Assembly~~  
22 ~~in the annual State budget; or~~

23           ~~(2) through an approved State budget amendment under Title 7, Subtitle~~  
24 ~~2, Part II of this article, provided that a State budget amendment for any project not~~  
25 ~~requested as part of the State budget submission or for any project for which the scope or~~  
26 ~~cost has increased by more than 5% or \$250,000 shall be submitted to the budget~~  
27 ~~committees allowing a 30-day period for their review and comment.~~

28       (i) The Fund may be used:

29           (1) for major information technology development projects;

30           (2) as provided in subsections (j) and (l) of this section; or

(3) notwithstanding [§ 3A-301(b)(2)] **§ 3.5-301(B)(2)** of this subtitle, for the costs of the first 12 months of operation and maintenance of a major information technology development project.

~~(j) Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section and except for the cost incurred in administering the Fund, each fiscal year up to \$1,000,000 of this Fund may be used for:~~

~~(1) educationally related information technology projects;~~

~~(2) application service provider initiatives as provided for in Title 9, Subtitle 22 of the State Government Article; or~~

~~(3) information technology projects, including:~~

~~(i) pilots; and~~

~~(ii) prototypes.~~

~~(k) A unit of State government or local government may submit a request to the Secretary to support the cost of an information technology project with money under subsection (j) of this section.~~

(1) Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section and in accordance with paragraph (2) of this subsection, money paid into the Fund under subsection (e)(2) of this section shall be used to support:

(i) the State telecommunication and computer network established under [§ 3A-404] **§ 3.5-404** of this title, including program development for these activities; and

(ii) the Statewide Public Safety Interoperability Radio System, also known as Maryland First (first responder interoperable radio system team), under Title 1, Subtitle 5 of the Public Safety Article.

(2) The Secretary may determine the portion of the money paid into the Fund that shall be allocated to each program described in paragraph (1) of this subsection.

~~(m) (1) On or before November 1 of each year, the Secretary shall report to the Governor, the Secretary of Budget and Management, and to the budget committees of the General Assembly and submit a copy of the report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article.~~

~~(2) The report shall include:~~

~~(i) the financial status of the Fund and a summary of its operations for the preceding fiscal year;~~

1                   (ii) ~~an accounting for the preceding fiscal year of all money from each~~  
2 ~~of the revenue sources specified in subsection (e) of this section, including any expenditures~~  
3 ~~made from the Fund; and~~

4                   (iii) ~~for each project receiving money from the Fund in the preceding~~  
5 ~~fiscal year and for each major information technology development project receiving~~  
6 ~~funding from any source other than the Fund in the preceding fiscal year:~~

7                   ~~1. the status of the project;~~

8                   ~~2. a comparison of estimated and actual costs of the project;~~

9                   ~~3. any known or anticipated changes in scope or costs of the~~  
10 ~~project;~~

11                   ~~4. an evaluation of whether the project is using best~~  
12 ~~practices; and~~

13                   ~~5. a summary of any monitoring and oversight of the project~~  
14 ~~from outside the agency in which the project is being developed, including a description of~~  
15 ~~any problems identified by any external review and any corrective actions taken.~~

16           (n) ~~On or before January 15 of each year, for each major information technology~~  
17 ~~development project currently in development or for which operations and maintenance~~  
18 ~~funding is being provided in accordance with subsection (i)(3) of this section, subject to §~~  
19 ~~2-1257 of the State Government Article, the Secretary shall provide a summary report to~~  
20 ~~the Department of Legislative Services with the most up to date project information~~  
21 ~~including:~~

22                   ~~(1) project status;~~

23                   ~~(2) any schedule, cost, and scope changes since the last annual report;~~

24                   ~~(3) a risk assessment including any problems identified by any internal or~~  
25 ~~external review and any corrective actions taken; and~~

26                   ~~(4) any change in the monitoring or oversight status.~~

27 ~~[3A-310.] 3.5-309.~~

28           This subtitle may not be construed to give the Secretary authority over:

29                   (1) ~~the content of educational applications or curriculum at the State or~~  
30 ~~local level; or~~

31                   (2) ~~the entities that may participate in such educational programs.~~

1 ~~3.5-311.] 3.5-310.~~

2 (a) ~~(1) The Secretary or the Secretary's designee, in consultation with other~~  
 3 ~~units of State government, and after public comment, shall develop a nonvisual access~~  
 4 ~~clause for use in the procurement of information technology and information technology~~  
 5 ~~services that specifies that the technology and services:~~

6 (i) ~~must provide equivalent access for effective use by both visual~~  
 7 ~~and nonvisual means;~~

8 (ii) ~~will present information, including prompts used for interactive~~  
 9 ~~communications, in formats intended for both visual and nonvisual use;~~

10 (iii) ~~can be integrated into networks for obtaining, retrieving, and~~  
 11 ~~disseminating information used by individuals who are not blind or visually impaired; and~~

12 (iv) ~~shall be obtained, whenever possible, without modification for~~  
 13 ~~compatibility with software and hardware for nonvisual access.~~

14 (2) On or after January 1, 2020, the nonvisual access clause developed in  
 15 accordance with paragraph (1) of this subsection shall include a statement that:

16 (i) within 18 months after the award of the procurement, the  
 17 Secretary, or the Secretary's designee, will determine whether the information technology  
 18 meets the nonvisual access standards adopted in accordance with [§ 3A-303(b)] §  
 19 **3.5-303(B)** of this subtitle;

20 (ii) ~~if the information technology does not meet the nonvisual access~~  
 21 ~~standards, the Secretary, or the Secretary's designee, will notify the vendor in writing that~~  
 22 ~~the vendor, at the vendor's own expense, has 12 months after the date of the notification to~~  
 23 ~~modify the information technology in order to meet the nonvisual access standards; and~~

24 (iii) ~~if the vendor fails to modify the information technology to meet~~  
 25 ~~the nonvisual access standards within 12 months after the date of the notification, the~~  
 26 ~~vendor:~~

27 ~~1. may be subject to a civil penalty of:~~

28 ~~A. for a first offense, a fine not exceeding \$5,000; and~~

29 ~~B. for a subsequent offense, a fine not exceeding \$10,000; and~~

30 ~~2. shall indemnify the State for liability resulting from the~~  
 31 ~~use of information technology that does not meet the nonvisual access standards.~~

1           ~~(b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the nonvisual~~  
2 ~~access clause required under subsection (a) of this section shall be included in each~~  
3 ~~invitation for bids or request for proposals and in each procurement contract or modification~~  
4 ~~or renewal of a contract issued under Title 13 of this article, without regard to the method~~  
5 ~~chosen under Title 13, Subtitle 1 of this article for the purchase of new or upgraded~~  
6 ~~information technology and information technology services.~~

7           ~~(2) Except as provided in subsection (a)(4) of this section, the nonvisual~~  
8 ~~access clause required under paragraph (1) of this subsection is not required if:~~

9                     ~~(i) the information technology is not available with nonvisual access~~  
10 ~~because the essential elements of the information technology are visual and nonvisual~~  
11 ~~equivalence cannot be developed; or~~

12                     ~~(ii) the cost of modifying the information technology for compatibility~~  
13 ~~with software and hardware for nonvisual access would increase the price of the~~  
14 ~~procurement by more than 15%.~~

15 ~~[3.5-312.] 3.5-311.~~

16           ~~The Secretary may delegate the duties set forth in this subtitle to carry out its~~  
17 ~~purposes.~~

18 ~~[3.5-313.] 3.5-312.~~

19           ~~(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.~~

20                     ~~(2) "Agency" includes a unit of State government that receives funds that~~  
21 ~~are not appropriated in the annual budget bill.~~

22                     ~~(3) (i) "Payee" means any party who receives from the State an~~  
23 ~~aggregate payment of \$25,000 in a fiscal year.~~

24                     ~~(ii) "Payee" does not include:~~

25                             ~~1. a State employee with respect to the employee's~~  
26 ~~compensation; or~~

27                             ~~2. a State retiree with respect to the retiree's retirement~~  
28 ~~allowance.~~

29                     ~~(4) "Searchable website" means a website created in accordance with this~~  
30 ~~section that displays and searches State payment data.~~

31           ~~(b) (1) The Department shall develop and operate a single searchable website,~~  
32 ~~accessible to the public at no cost through the Internet.~~

1           ~~(2) On or before the 15th day of the month that follows the month in which~~  
2 ~~an agency makes a payment to a payee, the Department shall update the payment data on~~  
3 ~~the searchable website.~~

4           ~~(e) The searchable website shall contain State payment data, including:~~

5           ~~(1) the name of a payee receiving a payment;~~

6           ~~(2) the location of a payee by postal zip code;~~

7           ~~(3) the amount of a payment; and~~

8           ~~(4) the name of an agency making a payment.~~

9           ~~(d) The searchable website shall allow the user to:~~

10          ~~(1) search data for fiscal year 2008 and each year thereafter; and~~

11          ~~(2) search by the following data fields:~~

12           ~~(i) a payee receiving a payment;~~

13           ~~(ii) an agency making a payment; and~~

14           ~~(iii) the zip code of a payee receiving a payment.~~

15          ~~(e) State agencies shall provide appropriate assistance to the Secretary to ensure~~  
16 ~~the existence and ongoing operation of the single website.~~

17          ~~(f) This section may not be construed to require the disclosure of information that~~  
18 ~~is confidential under State or federal law.~~

19          ~~(g) This section shall be known and may be cited as the “Maryland Funding~~  
20 ~~Accountability and Transparency Act”.~~

21 ~~[3.5-314.] 3.5-313.~~

22          ~~(a) In this section, “security sensitive data” means information that is protected~~  
23 ~~against unwarranted disclosure.~~

24          ~~(b) In accordance with guidelines established by the Secretary, each unit of State~~  
25 ~~government shall develop a plan to:~~

26           ~~(1) identify unit personnel who handle security sensitive data; and~~

1 ~~(2) establish annual security overview training or refresher security~~  
2 ~~training for each employee who handles security-sensitive data as part of the employee's~~  
3 ~~duties.~~

4 ~~3.5 401.~~

5 (a) The Department shall:

6 ~~(1) coordinate the development, procurement, management, and operation~~  
7 ~~of telecommunication equipment, systems, and services by State government;~~

8 ~~(2) TO ADDRESS PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE CAPABILITIES OF~~  
9 ~~LOCAL JURISDICTIONS, COORDINATE THE PROCUREMENT OF MANAGED~~  
10 ~~CYBERSECURITY SERVICES PROCURED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITH STATE~~  
11 ~~FUNDING;~~

12 ~~[(2)] (3) acquire and manage common user telecommunication~~  
13 ~~equipment, systems, or services and charge units of State government for their~~  
14 ~~proportionate share of the costs of installation, maintenance, and operation of the common~~  
15 ~~user telecommunication equipment, systems, or services;~~

16 ~~[(3)] (4) promote compatibility of telecommunication systems by~~  
17 ~~developing policies, procedures, and standards for the [acquisition and] use of~~  
18 ~~telecommunication equipment, systems, and services by units of State government;~~

19 ~~[(4)] (5) coordinate State government telecommunication systems and~~  
20 ~~services by reviewing requests by units of State government for, AND ACQUIRING ON~~  
21 ~~BEHALF OF UNITS OF STATE GOVERNMENT, telecommunication equipment, systems, or~~  
22 ~~services;~~

23 ~~[(5)] (6) advise units of State government about [planning, acquisition,]~~  
24 ~~PLANNING and operation of telecommunication equipment, systems, or services; and~~

25 ~~[(6)] (7) provide radio frequency coordination for State and local~~  
26 ~~governments in accordance with regulations of the Federal Communications Commission.~~

27 (b) ~~The Department may make arrangement for a user other than a unit of State~~  
28 ~~government to have access to and use of State telecommunication equipment, systems, and~~  
29 ~~services and shall charge the user any appropriate amount to cover the cost of installation,~~  
30 ~~maintenance, and operation of the telecommunication equipment, system, or service~~  
31 ~~provided.~~

32 (c) ~~(1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AND REQUIRE BASIC~~  
33 ~~SECURITY REQUIREMENTS TO BE INCLUDED IN A CONTRACT;~~

~~(I) IN WHICH A THIRD-PARTY CONTRACTOR WILL HAVE ACCESS TO AND USE STATE TELECOMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT, SYSTEMS, OR SERVICES; OR~~

~~(II) BY A UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT THAT IS LESS THAN \$50,000 FOR SYSTEMS OR DEVICES THAT WILL CONNECT TO STATE TELECOMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT, SYSTEMS, OR SERVICES.~~

~~(2) THE SECURITY REQUIREMENTS DEVELOPED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE CONSISTENT WITH A WIDELY RECOGNIZED SECURITY STANDARD, INCLUDING NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY SP 800-171, ISO27001, OR CYBERSECURITY MATURITY MODEL CERTIFICATION.~~

~~3.5-404.~~

~~(a) The General Assembly declares that:~~

~~(1) it is the policy of the State to foster telecommunication and computer networking among State and local governments, their agencies, and educational institutions in the State;~~

~~(2) there is a need to improve access, especially in rural areas, to efficient telecommunication and computer network connections;~~

~~(3) improvement of telecommunication and computer networking for State and local governments and educational institutions promotes economic development, educational resource use and development, and efficiency in State and local administration;~~

~~(4) rates for the intrastate inter-LATA telephone communications needed for effective integration of telecommunication and computer resources are prohibitive for many smaller governments, agencies, and institutions; and~~

~~(5) the use of improved State telecommunication and computer networking under this section is intended not to compete with commercial access to advanced network technology, but rather to foster fundamental efficiencies in government and education for the public good.~~

~~(b) (1) The Department shall establish a telecommunication and computer network in the State.~~

~~(2) The network shall consist of:~~

~~(i) one or more connection facilities for telecommunication and computer connection in each local access transport area (LATA) in the State; and~~

1                   (ii) ~~facilities, auxiliary equipment, and services required to support~~  
2 ~~the network in a reliable and secure manner.~~

3                   (e) ~~The network shall be accessible through direct connection and through local~~  
4 ~~intra-LATA telecommunications to State and local governments and public and private~~  
5 ~~educational institutions in the State.~~

6                   ~~(D) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, EACH UNIT OF THE~~  
7 ~~LEGISLATIVE OR JUDICIAL BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT AND ANY DIVISION OF~~  
8 ~~THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND THAT USE THE NETWORK ESTABLISHED~~  
9 ~~UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION SHALL CERTIFY TO THE DEPARTMENT~~  
10 ~~THAT THE UNIT OR DIVISION IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S MINIMUM~~  
11 ~~SECURITY STANDARDS.~~

12 3.5-404.

13                   (D) (1) THE OFFICE SHALL ENSURE THAT AT LEAST ONCE EVERY 2  
14 YEARS, OR MORE OFTEN IF REQUIRED BY REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE  
15 DEPARTMENT, EACH UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT SHALL COMPLETE AN EXTERNAL  
16 ASSESSMENT.

17                   (2) THE OFFICE SHALL ASSIST EACH UNIT TO REMEDIATE ANY  
18 SECURITY VULNERABILITIES OR HIGH-RISK CONFIGURATIONS IDENTIFIED IN THE  
19 ASSESSMENT REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

20                   (E) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "IT UNIT" MEANS A UNIT OF THE  
21 LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OR JUDICIAL BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT THAT  
22 PROVIDES INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES FOR ANOTHER UNIT OF  
23 GOVERNMENT.

24                   (2) EACH IT UNIT SHALL:

25                   (I) BE EVALUATED BY AN INDEPENDENT AUDITOR WITH  
26 CYBERSECURITY EXPERTISE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE IT UNIT, AND THE UNITS  
27 IT PROVIDES INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES FOR, MEET RELEVANT  
28 CYBERSECURITY STANDARDS RECOMMENDED BY THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF  
29 STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY; AND

30                   (II) CERTIFY COMPLIANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDED  
31 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY CYBERSECURITY  
32 STANDARDS TO:

33                   1. IF THE IT UNIT IS PART OF THE LEGISLATIVE  
34 BRANCH, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE; AND

1 2. IF THE IT UNIT IS PART OF THE JUDICIAL BRANCH OF  
2 STATE GOVERNMENT, THE CHIEF JUDGE.

3 **3.5-405.**

4 (A) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, EACH UNIT OF STATE  
5 GOVERNMENT SHALL:

6 (1) ~~COMPLETE A CYBERSECURITY PREPAREDNESS ASSESSMENT AND~~  
7 REPORT THE RESULTS OF ANY CYBERSECURITY PREPAREDNESS ASSESSMENTS  
8 PERFORMED IN THE PRIOR YEAR TO THE OFFICE OF SECURITY MANAGEMENT IN  
9 ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDELINES DEVELOPED BY THE OFFICE; AND

10 (2) SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE OFFICE OF  
11 SECURITY MANAGEMENT THAT INCLUDES:

12 (I) AN INVENTORY OF ALL INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND  
13 APPLICATIONS USED OR MAINTAINED BY THE UNIT;

14 (II) A FULL DATA INVENTORY OF THE UNIT;

15 (III) A LIST OF ALL CLOUD OR STATISTICAL ANALYSIS SYSTEM  
16 SOLUTIONS USED BY THE UNIT;

17 (IV) A LIST OF ALL PERMANENT AND TRANSIENT VENDOR  
18 INTERCONNECTIONS THAT ARE IN PLACE;

19 (V) THE NUMBER OF UNIT EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE RECEIVED  
20 CYBERSECURITY TRAINING;

21 (VI) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF UNIT EMPLOYEES WHO USE THE  
22 NETWORK;

23 (VII) THE NUMBER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STAFF  
24 POSITIONS, INCLUDING VACANCIES;

25 (VIII) THE NUMBER OF NONINFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STAFF  
26 POSITIONS, INCLUDING VACANCIES;

27 (IX) THE UNIT'S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BUDGET,  
28 ITEMIZED TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

29 1. SERVICES;

- 1                   **2. EQUIPMENT;**
- 2                   **3. APPLICATIONS;**
- 3                   **4. PERSONNEL;**
- 4                   **5. SOFTWARE LICENSING;**
- 5                   **6. DEVELOPMENT;**
- 6                   **7. NETWORK PROJECTS;**
- 7                   **8. MAINTENANCE; AND**
- 8                   **9. CYBERSECURITY;**

9                   **(X) ANY MAJOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES TO**  
10 **MODERNIZE THE UNIT'S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS OR IMPROVE**  
11 **CUSTOMER ACCESS TO STATE AND LOCAL SERVICES;**

12                   **(XI) THE UNIT'S PLANS FOR FUTURE FISCAL YEARS TO**  
13 **IMPLEMENT THE UNIT'S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY GOALS;**

14                   **(XII) COMPLIANCE WITH TIMELINES AND METRICS PROVIDED IN**  
15 **THE DEPARTMENT'S MASTER PLAN; AND**

16                   **(XIII) ANY OTHER KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS REQUIRED BY**  
17 **THE OFFICE OF SECURITY MANAGEMENT TO TRACK COMPLIANCE OR CONSISTENCY**  
18 **WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S STATEWIDE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MASTER PLAN.**

19                   **(B) (1) EACH UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT SHALL REPORT A**  
20 **CYBERSECURITY INCIDENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS**  
21 **SUBSECTION TO THE STATE CHIEF INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICER.**

22                   **(2) FOR THE REPORTING OF CYBERSECURITY INCIDENTS UNDER**  
23 **PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE STATE CHIEF INFORMATION SECURITY**  
24 **OFFICER SHALL DETERMINE:**

25                   **(I) THE CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING WHEN AN INCIDENT MUST**  
26 **BE REPORTED;**

27                   **(II) THE MANNER IN WHICH TO REPORT; AND**

28                   **(III) THE TIME PERIOD WITHIN WHICH A REPORT MUST BE MADE.**

1 3.5-406.

2 ~~(c)~~ ~~(1)~~ (A) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO MUNICIPAL  
3 GOVERNMENTS.

4 ~~(2)~~ (B) ~~ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR~~ IN A MANNER AND  
5 FREQUENCY ESTABLISHED IN REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT, EACH  
6 COUNTY GOVERNMENT, LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM, AND LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
7 SHALL:

8 ~~(1)~~ (1) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE LOCAL EMERGENCY  
9 MANAGER, CREATE OR UPDATE A CYBERSECURITY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE  
10 PLAN ~~AND SUBMIT THE PLAN TO THE OFFICE OF SECURITY MANAGEMENT FOR~~  
11 APPROVAL; AND

12 ~~(2)~~ (2) COMPLETE A CYBERSECURITY PREPAREDNESS  
13 ASSESSMENT ~~AND REPORT THE RESULTS TO THE OFFICE OF SECURITY~~  
14 ~~MANAGEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDELINES DEVELOPED BY THE OFFICE;~~  
15 ~~AND~~

16 ~~(H)~~ ~~REPORT TO THE OFFICE OF SECURITY MANAGEMENT:~~

17 ~~1. THE NUMBER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STAFF~~  
18 ~~POSITIONS, INCLUDING VACANCIES;~~

19 ~~2. THE ENTITY'S CYBERSECURITY BUDGET AND~~  
20 ~~OVERALL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BUDGET;~~

21 ~~3. THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE RECEIVED~~  
22 ~~CYBERSECURITY TRAINING; AND~~

23 ~~4. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES WITH ACCESS TO~~  
24 ~~THE ENTITY'S COMPUTER SYSTEMS AND DATABASES.~~

25 (C) THE ASSESSMENT REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (B)(2) OF THIS  
26 SECTION MAY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PREFERENCE OF EACH COUNTY  
27 GOVERNMENT, BE PERFORMED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR BY A VENDOR  
28 AUTHORIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

29 ~~(3)~~ ~~(1)~~ (D) (1) ~~EACH COUNTY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, LOCAL~~  
30 ~~SCHOOL SYSTEM, AND LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT~~ SHALL REPORT A  
31 CYBERSECURITY INCIDENT, INCLUDING AN ATTACK ON A STATE SYSTEM BEING  
32 USED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT, TO THE APPROPRIATE LOCAL EMERGENCY  
33 MANAGER AND THE STATE SECURITY OPERATIONS CENTER IN THE DEPARTMENT

1 IN ACCORDANCE WITH ~~SUBPARAGRAPH (H)~~ PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS ~~PARAGRAPH~~  
2 SUBSECTION TO THE APPROPRIATE LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGER.

3 ~~(H)~~ (2) FOR THE REPORTING OF CYBERSECURITY INCIDENTS  
4 TO LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGERS UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH,  
5 THE STATE CHIEF INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICER SHALL DETERMINE:

6 ~~1.~~ (I) THE CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING WHEN AN INCIDENT  
7 MUST BE REPORTED;

8 ~~2.~~ (II) THE MANNER IN WHICH TO REPORT; AND

9 ~~3.~~ (III) THE TIME PERIOD WITHIN WHICH A REPORT MUST  
10 BE MADE.

11 (3) THE STATE SECURITY OPERATIONS CENTER SHALL  
12 IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE APPROPRIATE AGENCIES OF A CYBERSECURITY  
13 INCIDENT REPORTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION THROUGH THE STATE SECURITY  
14 OPERATIONS CENTER.

15 4-316.1.

16 THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MARYLAND  
17 CYBERSECURITY COORDINATING COUNCIL ESTABLISHED IN § 3.5-2A-05 OF THIS  
18 ARTICLE, SHALL STUDY THE SECURITY AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF  
19 EXECUTING PARTNERSHIPS WITH OTHER STATES TO PROCURE INFORMATION  
20 TECHNOLOGY AND CYBERSECURITY PRODUCTS AND SERVICES, INCLUDING THE  
21 IMPLICATIONS FOR POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE.

22 13-115.

23 (A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE BASIC SECURITY REQUIREMENTS  
24 TO BE INCLUDED IN A CONTRACT:

25 (1) IN WHICH A THIRD-PARTY CONTRACTOR WILL HAVE ACCESS TO  
26 AND USE STATE TELECOMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT, SYSTEMS, OR SERVICES; OR

27 (2) FOR SYSTEMS OR DEVICES THAT WILL CONNECT TO STATE  
28 TELECOMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT, SYSTEMS, OR SERVICES.

29 (B) THE SECURITY REQUIREMENTS DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF  
30 THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSISTENT WITH A WIDELY RECOGNIZED SECURITY  
31 STANDARD, INCLUDING NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY  
32 SP 800-171, ISO27001, OR CYBERSECURITY MATURITY MODEL CERTIFICATION.

1 ~~12-107.~~

2 (b) ~~Subject to the authority of the Board, jurisdiction over procurement is as~~  
3 ~~follows:~~

4 (2) ~~the Department of General Services may:~~

5 (i) ~~engage in or control procurement of:~~

6 ~~10. information processing equipment and associated~~  
7 ~~services, as provided in Title [3A] 3.5, Subtitle 3 of this article; [and]~~

8 ~~11. telecommunication equipment, systems, or services, as~~  
9 ~~provided in Title [3A] 3.5, Subtitle 4 of this article; AND~~

10 ~~12. MANAGED CYBERSECURITY SERVICES, AS PROVIDED~~  
11 ~~IN TITLE 3.5, SUBTITLE 3 OF THIS ARTICLE;~~

12 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, as a key enabler of the  
13 Department of Information Technology's cybersecurity risk management strategy, on or  
14 before December 31, 2022, the Department shall complete the implementation of a  
15 governance, risk, and compliance module across the Executive Branch of State government  
16 that:

17 (1) has industry-standard capabilities;

18 (2) is based on NIST, ISO, or other recognized security frameworks or  
19 standards; and

20 (3) enables the Department to identify, monitor, and manage cybersecurity  
21 risk on a continuous basis.

22 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before June 30, 2023,  
23 the Office of Security Management, in consultation with the Maryland Cybersecurity  
24 Coordinating Council, shall prepare a transition strategy toward cybersecurity  
25 centralization, including recommendations for:

26 (1) consistent incident response training;

27 (2) implementing security improvement dashboards to inform budgetary  
28 appropriations;

29 (3) operations logs transition to the Maryland Security Operations Center;

30 (4) establishing consistent performance accountability metrics for  
31 information technology and cybersecurity staff; and

1           (5)    whether the Office needs additional staff or contractors to carry out its  
2 duties.

3           SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

4           (a)    (1)    On or before June 30, 2023, each agency in the Executive Branch of  
5 State government shall certify to the Office of Security Management compliance with State  
6 minimum cybersecurity standards established by the Department of Information ~~Security~~  
7 Technology.

8           (2)    Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, certification  
9 shall be reviewed by independent auditors, and any findings must be remediated.

10          (3)    Certification for the Department of Public Safety and Correctional  
11 Services and any State criminal justice agency shall be reviewed by the Office of Legislative  
12 Audits, and any findings must be remediated.

13          (b)    If an agency has not remediated any findings pertaining to State cybersecurity  
14 standards found by the independent audit required under subsection (a) of this section by  
15 July 1, 2024, the Office of Security Management shall assume responsibility for an agency's  
16 cybersecurity through a shared service agreement, administrative privileges, or access to  
17 Network Maryland notwithstanding any federal law or regulation that forbids the Office of  
18 Security Management from managing a specific system.

19          SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

20          (a)    The Department of Information Technology shall hire a contractor to conduct  
21 a performance and capacity assessment of the Department to:

22               (1)    evaluate the Department's capacity to implement provisions of this Act;  
23 and

24               (2)    recommend additional resources necessary for the Department to  
25 implement provisions of this title and meet future needs, including additional budget  
26 appropriations, additional staff, altered contracting authority, and pay increases for staff.

27          (b)    The contractor hired by the Department to complete the assessment and  
28 report required by this section shall:

29               (1)    on or before December 1, 2023, submit an interim report of its findings  
30 and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State  
31 Government Article, the General Assembly; and

32               (2)    on or before December 1, 2024, submit a final report of its findings and  
33 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State  
34 Government Article, the General Assembly.

1        SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That for fiscal year 2023, funds  
2 from the Dedicated Purpose Account may be transferred by budget amendment in  
3 accordance with § 7-310 of the State Finance and Procurement Article to implement this  
4 Act.

5        SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

6        (a) On or before ~~June~~ October 1, 2022, the State Chief Information Security  
7 Officer shall establish guidelines to determine when a cybersecurity incident shall be  
8 disclosed to the public.

9        (b) On or before November 1, 2022, the State Chief Information Security Officer  
10 shall submit a report on the guidelines established under subsection (a) of this section to  
11 the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the House  
12 Health and Government Operations Committee and the Senate Education, Health, and  
13 Environmental Affairs Committee.

14        ~~SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on the effective date of this~~  
15 ~~Act, the following shall be transferred to the Department of Information Technology:~~

16        ~~(1) all appropriations, including State and federal funds, held by a unit of~~  
17 ~~the Executive Branch of State government for the purpose of information technology~~  
18 ~~operations or cybersecurity for the unit on the effective date of this Act; and~~

19        ~~(2) all books and records (including electronic records), real and personal~~  
20 ~~property, equipment, fixtures, assets, liabilities, obligations, credits, rights, and privileges~~  
21 ~~held by a unit of the Executive Branch of State government for the purpose of information~~  
22 ~~technology operations or cybersecurity for the unit on the effective date of this Act.~~

23        ~~SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That all employees of a unit of the~~  
24 ~~Executive Branch of State government who are assigned more than 50% of the time to a~~  
25 ~~function related to information technology operations or cybersecurity for the unit on the~~  
26 ~~effective date of this Act shall, on the effective date of this Act, report to the Secretary of~~  
27 ~~Information Technology or the Secretary's designee.~~

28        ~~SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That any transaction affected by~~  
29 ~~the transfer of oversight of information technology operations or cybersecurity of a unit of~~  
30 ~~the Executive Branch of State government and validly entered into before the effective date~~  
31 ~~of this Act, and every right, duty, or interest flowing from it, remains valid after the~~  
32 ~~effective date of this Act and may be terminated, completed, consummated, or enforced~~  
33 ~~under the law.~~

34        ~~SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That all existing laws, regulations,~~  
35 ~~proposed regulations, standards and guidelines, policies, orders and other directives, forms,~~  
36 ~~plans, memberships, contracts, property, investigations, administrative and judicial~~  
37 ~~responsibilities, rights to sue and be sued, and all other duties and responsibilities~~

1 ~~associated with information technology operations or cybersecurity of a unit of the~~  
2 ~~Executive Branch of State government prior to the effective date of this Act shall continue~~  
3 ~~and, as appropriate, be legal and binding on the Department of Information Technology~~  
4 ~~until completed, withdrawn, canceled, modified, or otherwise changed under the law.~~

5 SECTION ~~8~~ 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 ~~October~~ July 1, 2022.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.