SENATE BILL 836

By: Senator Jennings
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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 of a certain model and ongoing maintenance of cloud–based virtual desktop infrastructure to be used by each unit of State government as desktop support and management systems; 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) In this section, “Device as a Service” means a service model that supports enterprise hardware, delivers end–to–end life cycle services for end users, allows the State to subscribe to end–user information technology devices including personal computers, smartphones, tablets, and other mobile devices, and standard operating software while outsourcing the device management, device backups, asset tracking, security, and end–of–life disposal to an external service provider.

(b) By July 1, 2023, 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 of a Device as a Service model and ongoing maintenance of cloud–based virtual desktop infrastructure to be used by each unit of State government as desktop support and management systems.

(c) The Department:

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
shall:

(i) review information technology contracts for full-service end-to-end enterprise device management and desktop support 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 Device as a Service cloud-based virtual desktop infrastructure.

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

(1) cost per device;

(2) the quality of the Device as a Service model and 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 end-to-end life cycle device management or 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, 2022.