

# HOUSE BILL 709

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By: **The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)**

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Assigned to: Appropriations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **21st Century Financial Systems Council – Establishment**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the 21st Century Financial Systems Council to modernize  
4 the financial management information systems infrastructure in the State;  
5 specifying the responsibilities and priorities of the Council; establishing the position  
6 of the 21st Century Financial Systems Director in the Office of the Comptroller; and  
7 generally relating to the 21st Century Financial Systems Council.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – State Government

10 Section 4–113

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – State Government**

16 **4–113.**

17 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**  
18 **INDICATED.**

19 **(2) “COUNCIL” MEANS THE 21ST CENTURY FINANCIAL SYSTEMS**  
20 **COUNCIL.**

21 **(3) “DIRECTOR” MEANS THE 21ST CENTURY FINANCIAL SYSTEMS**  
22 **DIRECTOR.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (4) "ENTERPRISE" MEANS THE 21ST CENTURY FINANCIAL SYSTEMS  
2 ENTERPRISE.

3           (B) THERE IS A 21ST CENTURY FINANCIAL SYSTEMS COUNCIL.

4           (C) THE COUNCIL CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

5                 (1) THE COMPTROLLER, OR THE COMPTROLLER'S DESIGNEE;

6                 (2) THE STATE TREASURER, OR THE TREASURER'S DESIGNEE;

7                 (3) THE SECRETARY OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT, OR THE  
8 SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

9                 (4) THE SECRETARY OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, OR THE  
10 SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE; AND

11                (5) THE SECRETARY OF GENERAL SERVICES, OR THE SECRETARY'S  
12 DESIGNEE.

13           (D) (1) THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE MAY APPOINT ONE MEMBER OF  
14 THE SENATE TO SERVE IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY ON THE COUNCIL.

15                (2) THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE MAY APPOINT ONE MEMBER OF THE  
16 HOUSE OF DELEGATES TO SERVE IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY ON THE COUNCIL.

17           (E) THE COMPTROLLER, OR THE COMPTROLLER'S DESIGNEE, SHALL  
18 CHAIR THE COUNCIL.

19           (F) THE OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER SHALL PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE  
20 COUNCIL.

21           (G) A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL:

22                (1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE  
23 COUNCIL; BUT

24                (2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE  
25 STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

26           (H) THE COUNCIL SHALL:

1           **(1) SET POLICIES, OBJECTIVES, AND PRIORITIES FOR THE**  
2 **TRANSFORMATION OF THE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS**  
3 **INFRASTRUCTURE INTO THE 21ST CENTURY FINANCIAL SYSTEMS ENTERPRISE;**

4           **(2) LEARN THE NEEDS AND PRIORITIES OF ALL USERS OF THE**  
5 **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND FUTURE KNOWN USERS OF**  
6 **THE ENTERPRISE;**

7           **(3) COLLABORATE WITH CONSULTANTS TO CREATE A PROJECT**  
8 **PROPOSAL FOR, AND OVERSEE IMPLEMENTATION OF, THE ENTERPRISE;**

9           **(4) OVERSEE, COORDINATE, AND AUTHORIZE THE ASSIGNMENT OF**  
10 **RESOURCES TO THE ENTERPRISE;**

11           **(5) ESTABLISH WORKING GROUPS AS NEEDED; AND**

12           **(6) RECOMMEND ANY LEGISLATIVE CHANGES CONSIDERED**  
13 **NECESSARY BY THE COUNCIL TO ADDRESS FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INFORMATION**  
14 **SYSTEMS ISSUES.**

15           **(I) THE COUNCIL SHALL SET PRIORITIES TO:**

16           **(1) STANDARDIZE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT FOR ALL STATE**  
17 **AGENCIES BY REQUIRING ALL STATE AGENCIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE**  
18 **ENTERPRISE;**

19           **(2) PROVIDE SUPPORT TO PARTICIPATING UNITS IN ACCORDANCE**  
20 **WITH THE POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNCIL;**

21           **(3) CONFORM TO MODERNIZED BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY**  
22 **STANDARDS; AND**

23           **(4) HOST AND MANAGE MODERNIZED APPLICATIONS AND SHARED**  
24 **DATA FOR THE DELIVERY OF ALL ACCOUNTING SERVICES IN THE STATE.**

25           **(J) (1) THERE IS A 21ST CENTURY FINANCIAL SYSTEMS DIRECTOR IN**  
26 **THE OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER.**

27           **(2) THE DIRECTOR SHALL BE APPOINTED BY AND SERVE AT THE**  
28 **PLEASURE OF THE COMPTROLLER.**

29           **(3) THE DIRECTOR SHALL BE PART OF THE STAFF OF THE OFFICE OF**  
30 **THE COMPTROLLER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE, STAFFING, AND BUDGETARY PURPOSES.**

1                   **(4) THE DIRECTOR SHALL:**

2                               **(I) USE AND MANAGE THE ENTERPRISE TO ACHIEVE THE**  
3 **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES SET BY THE COUNCIL;**

4                               **(II) FACILITATE AND COORDINATE THE DELIVERY OF**  
5 **PORTFOLIO PRODUCTS AND SERVICES;**

6                               **(III) ENSURE THE FAITHFUL EXECUTION OF ALL AGREEMENTS**  
7 **ENTERED INTO ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL; AND**

8                               **(IV) OVERSEE AND BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OVERSIGHT,**  
9 **IMPLEMENTATION, AND MANAGEMENT OF THE ENTERPRISE.**

10                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
11 October 1, 2023.