

Chapter 437

(House Bill 266)

AN ACT concerning

Department of Information Technology – Information Technology Investment Fund – Uses

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Information Technology Investment Fund, at the discretion of the Secretary of Information Technology, to be used for certain purposes in connection with certain information technology agreements; and generally related to the Information Technology Investment Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 3.5–309(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 3.5–309(l)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

Article – State Finance and Procurement

3.5–309.

(a) There is an Information Technology Investment Fund.

(l) (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:

(I) shall be used to support:

[(i)] 1. the State telecommunication and computer network established under § 3.5–404 of this title, including program development for these activities; and

[(ii)] 2. 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; AND

(II) AT THE SECRETARY'S DISCRETION, MAY BE USED TO SUPPORT STATE-OWNED COMMUNICATION SITES, COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT USED IN CONNECTION WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO UNDER § 3.5-307 OF THIS SUBTITLE, INCLUDING PROGRAM MANAGEMENT FOR THESE ACTIVITIES.

(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.

(3) (I) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 15 EACH YEAR, THE SECRETARY SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, SPECIFYING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY PAID INTO THE FUND THAT WAS ALLOCATED TO EACH PROGRAM DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(II) THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL INCLUDE HOW FUNDS WERE ALLOCATED AT THE SECRETARY'S DISCRETION UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2026. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of June 30, 2031, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved by the Governor, May 12, 2026.