

HOUSE BILL 268

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By: Chair, Government, Labor, and Elections Committee (By Request – Departmental – Information Technology)

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Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Information Technology – Establishment of the Office of Enterprise Data and**
3 **State Chief Data Officer and Collaboration With Agency Data Officers**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the position and responsibilities of the State Chief Data
5 Officer; establishing the Office of Enterprise Data in the Department of Information
6 Technology and the responsibilities of the Office; requiring certain units of State
7 government and authorizing certain units of State government to appoint an Agency
8 Data Officer and establishing the responsibilities of Agency Data Officers; and
9 generally relating to ensuring the efficient, secure, and ethical use of data in support
10 of State goals and initiatives.

11 BY adding to
12 Article – State Finance and Procurement

13 Section 3.5–319
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

18 Article – State Finance and Procurement

19 **3.5–319.**

20 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
21 INDICATED.

22 (2) “DATA” MEANS STATISTICAL OR FACTUAL INFORMATION THAT:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (I) IS IN ALPHANUMERIC OR GEOSPATIAL FORM REFLECTED IN
2 A LIST, A TABLE, A GRAPH, A CHART, A MAP, OR ANY OTHER NONNARRATIVE FORMAT
3 THAT CAN BE DIGITALLY TRANSMITTED OR PROCESSED;

4 (II) IS REGULARLY CREATED OR MAINTAINED BY OR ON BEHALF
5 OF A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY; AND

6 (III) RECORDS A MEASUREMENT, TRANSACTION, OR
7 DETERMINATION OR PROVIDES INFORMATION ON GOVERNMENT SERVICES,
8 INITIATIVES, AND RESOURCES RELATED TO THE MISSION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL
9 ENTITY.

6 (11) "OFFICE" MEANS THE OFFICE OF ENTERPRISE DATA.

7 (B) (1) **THERE IS A STATE CHIEF DATA OFFICER IN THE DEPARTMENT.**

(IV) PUBLISHING AN ANNUAL STATE DATA STRATEGIC PLAN;

20 (v) DEVELOPING GUIDELINES FOR RESPONSIBLE AND
21 EQUITABLE USE OF DATA WITH CRITICAL AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES,
22 INCLUDING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, AND REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSPARENCY,
23 RISK MANAGEMENT, DATA MINIMIZATION, AND BIAS MITIGATION; AND

24 (VI) AT LEAST QUARTERLY, CONVENING AN ENTERPRISE DATA
25 COUNCIL CONSISTING OF THE AGENCY DATA OFFICERS APPOINTED UNDER
26 SUBSECTION (E) OR (F) OF THIS SECTION TO COORDINATE STATEWIDE DATA
27 GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES AND SHARE BEST PRACTICES.

28 (c) (1) THERE IS AN OFFICE OF ENTERPRISE DATA IN THE
29 DEPARTMENT.

(2) THE HEAD OF THE OFFICE IS THE STATE CHIEF DATA OFFICER.

(3) THE OFFICE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR:

2 (I) ESTABLISHING AND OVERSEEING STATEWIDE DATA
3 LITERACY AND GOVERNANCE PROGRAMS, INCLUDING STATEWIDE POLICIES,
4 FRAMEWORKS, AND STANDARDS FOR DATA MANAGEMENT, READINESS, AND
5 LITERACY, AND SHARING OF STATE DATA;

6 (II) COMPILING AN AUTHORITATIVE INVENTORY OF STATE
7 DATA;

11 (IV) ESTABLISHING PRIVACY-PRESERVING TECHNICAL
12 STANDARDS FOR METADATA MANAGEMENT AND DATA DE-IDENTIFICATION,
13 INCLUDING RISK-BASED AND RE-IDENTIFICATION PROTECTIONS; AND

14 (v) SUPPORTING AND OVERSEEING TRAINING REQUIREMENTS
15 FOR AGENCY DATA OFFICERS, INCLUDING ANNUAL CERTIFICATION AND
16 RECERTIFICATION.

17 (D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE THE OFFICE WITH SUFFICIENT
18 STAFF TO PERFORM THE FUNCTIONS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION.

19 (E) (1) EACH PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT LISTED IN § 8-201 OF THE STATE
20 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE SHALL APPOINT AN AGENCY DATA OFFICER.

(2) EACH AGENCY DATA OFFICER SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR:

24 (II) WITH RESPECT TO THEIR UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT:

2. OVERSEEING DATA QUALITY;

3. FACILITATING DATA SHARING;

1 **(2) DESIGNATE THE AGENCY DATA OFFICER AS A MEMBER OF THE**
2 **ENTERPRISE DATA COUNCIL CONVENED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.**

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
4 1, 2026.