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By: **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Information Technology)**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Information Technology – Information Technology Investment**
3 **Fund – Uses**

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

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – State Finance and Procurement
10 Section 3.5–309(a)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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14 Article – State Finance and Procurement
15 Section 3.5–309(l)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

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.



Article – State Finance and Procurement

3.5–309.

(a) There is an Information Technology Investment Fund.

(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.