

Date: January 19, 2022

Bill: Senate Bill 183 State Government - Information Technology - Review of Projects and Proposals

Position: Support

The Honorable Guy Guzzone, Chair
Budget and Taxation Committee
Miller Senate Office Building, 3 West
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chairman Guzzone:

The Department of Information Technology (DoIT) supports Senate Bill 183 State Government - Information Technology - Review of project and Proposals. This bill would require agencies to notify the Secretary of the Department of Information Technology of any proposals regarding the sale, lease, exchange or other disposition of communications sites, facilities or frequencies.

Under State Finance and Procurement Article 3A-309, Major Information Technology Development Projects are funded by multiple sources including (i) the sale, lease, exchange of communications facilities or communications frequencies for information technology purposes or (ii) an information technology agreement involving resource sharing. The addition we would like to make in 3A-307 is in the nature of a clarifying change so that 3A-307 is consistent with the language in 3A-309, i.e., to make it clear that the Secretary must be advised of all proposals falling under (i) and (ii) that, if approved, would fund the MITDP Fund. Any funds from such activities are already required to be deposited into the MITDP Fund. Therefore, this change would simply clarify that units of State Government are required to advise the Secretary of any proposals regarding the sale, lease, exchange or other disposition of communications sites, facilities or frequencies. This will help to ensure that the Secretary is aware of all proposals that may potentially inure to the benefit of the MITDP Fund.

For these reasons, the Maryland Department of Information Technology respectfully requests a favorable report on Senate Bill 183.

Best,

Michael G. Leahy