



TO: House Health and Government Operations Committee

FROM: Department of Information Technology

RE: House Bill 1027- Workgroup to Study Implementation of a Statewide 3-1-1 Nonemergency

Telephone System **DATE:** March 10, 2025 **POSITION:** Support

The Honorable Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk House Health and Government Operations Committee 240 Taylor House Office Building Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chairwoman Pena-Melnyk,

The Department of Information Technology (DoIT) supports House Bill 1027- Workgroup to Study Implementation of a Statewide 3-1-1 Nonemergency Telephone System, which seeks to establish a Workgroup to Study the Implementation of a Statewide 3–1–1 Nonemergency Telephone System. This initiative represents a critical step toward enhancing Maryland's public service infrastructure by improving accessibility, efficiency, and coordination for nonemergency government services across the state.

Many local jurisdictions in Maryland have successfully implemented 3–1–1 services, and this bill will allow for a comprehensive review of best practices, feasibility concerns, and innovative digital solutions to ensure equitable access to residents across all counties.

We urge the committee to issue a favorable report on HB 1027. The Department of Information Technology understands the importance of 3-1-1 systems and looks forward to a continued conversation regarding the best way forward for 3-1-1 in the State.

Best.

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