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

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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.



(4) "DATA LIFE CYCLE" MEANS THE FULL LIFE SPAN OF A DATA ASSET FROM CREATION, COLLECTION, AND STORAGE THROUGH USE, SHARING, ARCHIVING, AND DELETION, CONSISTENT WITH NIST-COMPLIANT STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE OFFICE.

(5) "DATA LITERACY" MEANS THE ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND, INTERPRET, CRITICALLY EVALUATE, AND EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATE DATA TO INFORM DECISIONS AND DRIVE ACTION.

(7) "DATA QUALITY" MEANS HOW WELL DATA MEETS DEFINED STANDARDS, INCLUDING ACCURACY, RELIABILITY, CONSISTENCY, TIMELINESS, VALIDITY, AND UNIQUENESS.

31 **(8) "DATA READINESS"** MEANS DATA'S FITNESS FOR USE WITH
32 EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES SUCH AS ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND QUANTUM
33 COMPUTING.

1 **(9) "DATA SHARING"** MEANS MAKING DATA ACCESSIBLE TO OTHER
2 USERS, SYSTEMS, OR ORGANIZATIONS UNDER PRINCIPLES OF SECURITY,
3 GOVERNANCE, AND PURPOSE.

4 **(10) "DATA TRAINING"** MEANS EDUCATING STATE EMPLOYEES ABOUT
5 HOW TO USE, MANAGE, AND INTERPRET DATA.

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

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

8 **(2) THE STATE CHIEF DATA OFFICER SHALL BE APPOINTED AND**
9 **SUPERVISED BY THE SECRETARY.**

10 **(3) THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STATE CHIEF DATA OFFICER**
11 **INCLUDE:**

12 **(I) ESTABLISHING, COORDINATING, AND IMPLEMENTING THE**
13 **STATEWIDE DATA STRATEGY AND POLICIES FOR UNITS OF STATE GOVERNMENT;**

14 **(II) ENSURING RESPONSIBLE GOVERNANCE, USE, AND**
15 **MANAGEMENT OF STATE DATA;**

16 **(III) PROVIDING ADVICE, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND**
17 **CONSULTATIONS TO THE SECRETARY AND ANY UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT**
18 **CONCERNING DATA POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND STANDARDS;**

19 **(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.**

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

1 **(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;

8 (III) DEVELOPING STANDARDIZED MECHANISMS FOR
9 COORDINATION BETWEEN STATE AGENCIES, INCLUDING DATA STANDARDS,
10 INTEROPERABILITY GUIDELINES, AND INTERAGENCY DATA REQUEST WORKFLOWS;

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.

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

22 (I) COLLABORATING WITH THE STATE CHIEF DATA OFFICER;
23 AND

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

25 1. DEVELOPING POLICIES THAT GOVERN THE USE,
26 MANAGEMENT, AND SHARING OF THE UNIT'S DATA;

27 2. OVERSEEING DATA QUALITY;

28 3. FACILITATING DATA SHARING;

1 **4. SUPPORTING DATA LITERACY AND TRAINING;**

2 **5. IMPLEMENTING DATA PRIVACY AND RISK**

3 **MANAGEMENT;**

4 **6. LIMITING PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION**

5 **COLLECTION;**

6 **7. REPORTING DATA-RELATED ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING**

7 **COMPLIANCE WITH STATEWIDE DATA STRATEGY AND POLICIES;**

8 **8. MAKING REQUESTED DATA AVAILABLE TO THE STATE**

9 **CHIEF DATA OFFICER;**

10 **9. SUBMITTING AN ANNUAL INVENTORY OF DATA SETS**

11 **TO THE STATE CHIEF DATA OFFICER AND IDENTIFYING WHICH DATA SETS ARE**

12 **PUBLISHABLE CONSISTENT WITH § 3.5–318 OF THIS SUBTITLE;**

13 **10. FILING AND UPDATING AN ANNUAL OPEN DATA PLAN**

14 **WITH THE OFFICE SPECIFYING PUBLICATION PRIORITIES, TIMELINES, FORMATS,**

15 **AND DATA QUALITY EXPECTATIONS CONSISTENT WITH STATEWIDE STANDARDS AND**

16 **THE TECHNICAL STANDARDS MANUAL;**

17 **11. SHARING INFORMATION WITH OTHER STATE**

18 **ENTITIES TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW TO IMPROVE SERVICES AND**

19 **REDUCE DUPLICATIVE COLLECTION, SUBJECT TO SECURITY, PRIVACY, AND**

20 **CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE OFFICE; AND**

21 **12. PARTICIPATING IN THE COUNCIL ON OPEN DATA**

22 **ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10–1503 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**

23 **(3) EACH AGENCY DATA OFFICER SHALL COMPLY WITH DIRECTIONS**

24 **FROM THE STATE CHIEF DATA OFFICER AS TO THE USE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE**

25 **UNIT'S DATA.**

26 **(F) A UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT THAT IS NOT A PRINCIPAL**

27 **DEPARTMENT LISTED IN § 8–201 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE MAY:**

28 **(1) APPOINT AN AGENCY DATA OFFICER FOR THE PURPOSE OF**

29 **COLLABORATING WITH THE STATE CHIEF DATA OFFICER ON THE DEVELOPMENT**

30 **OF POLICIES THAT GOVERN THE USE, MANAGEMENT, AND SHARING OF STATE DATA;**

31 **AND**

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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.