

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**First Reader**

Senate Bill 581 (Senator Jennings, *et al.*)  
Education, Energy, and the Environment

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**Department of Information Technology - Statewide Information Technology  
Master Plan - Reporting**

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This bill requires the Secretary of Information Technology to post the statewide Information Technology (IT) Master Plan publicly on the Department of Information Technology's (DoIT) website within six months after the date the Governor is inaugurated in the Governor's first term. If the Secretary is unable to meet the deadline, the Secretary must notify the Governor, in writing, and specified committees of the General Assembly within 10 days after the missed deadline. The notice must include an explanation of why the plan is delayed and provide a date for its publication, not to exceed three months after the initial deadline.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None; the bill codifies existing practice.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** DoIT and the Secretary of Information Technology are responsible for, among other things: (1) developing, maintaining, revising, and enforcing information technology policies, procedures, and standards; (2) providing technical assistance, advice, and recommendations to the Governor and any unit of State government concerning IT matters; (3) reviewing agency project plans to make information and services available to

the public over the Internet; and (4) developing and maintaining a statewide IT Master Plan. The statewide IT Master Plan must:

- centralize the management and direction of IT policy within the Executive Branch of State government under the control of DoIT;
- include all aspects of State IT including telecommunications, security, data processing, and information management;
- consider interstate transfers as a result of federal legislation and regulation;
- ensure that the State IT plan and related policies and standards are consistent with State goals, objectives, and resources, and represent a long-range vision for using IT to improve the overall effectiveness of State government;
- include standards to assure nonvisual access to the information and services made available to the public over the Internet; and
- allow a State agency to maintain the agency's own IT unit that provides for IT services to support the mission of the agency.

“IT” means all electronic information processing, including maintenance, telecommunications, hardware, software, and associated services. Generally, the State's IT and IT policies and standards must be consistent with the statewide Master Plan. The statewide IT Master Plan was last updated in July 2025 and can be found on [DoIT's website](#).

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### **Additional Information**

**Recent Prior Introductions:** Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

**Designated Cross File:** HB 861 (Delegate Kaiser, *et al.*) - Government, Labor, and Elections.

**Information Source(s):** Department of Information Technology; Department of Legislative Services

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