

HOUSE BILL 308

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Legislative Services – Office of Information Systems – Video and**
3 **Audio Recordings**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Office of Information Systems in the Department of
5 Legislative Services to make video recordings of meetings of certain committees and
6 audio recordings of floor sessions of the Senate and the House of Delegates; requiring
7 the Office to make each recording available to the public on a certain Web site
8 without charge and within a certain time period; requiring that a recording be in a
9 certain format; and generally relating to video and audio recordings made by the
10 Office of Information Systems.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – State Government
13 Section 2–1232
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 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 Government**

19 2–1232.

20 **(A)** In addition to any other duties set forth elsewhere, the Office shall:

21 (1) develop, coordinate, support, and maintain computer services and
22 automated data processing and information systems for the General Assembly and the
23 Department;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) provide training for employees of the General Assembly and the
2 Department who use the information systems;

3 (3) plan for the future information systems needs of the General Assembly,
4 its staff, and the Department;

5 (4) as approved by the Executive Director and the Legislative Policy
6 Committee, upgrade the information systems of the General Assembly and the
7 Department; and

8 (5) carry out any other function required by the Executive Director.

9 **(B) (1) THE OFFICE SHALL MAKE:**

10 **(I) A VIDEO RECORDING OF EACH MEETING OF A STANDING**
11 **COMMITTEE; AND**

12 **(II) AN AUDIO RECORDING OF EACH FLOOR SESSION OF THE**
13 **SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.**

14 **(2) THE OFFICE SHALL MAKE A RECORDING MADE UNDER**
15 **PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON THE GENERAL**
16 **ASSEMBLY WEB SITE WITHOUT CHARGE AND, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE,**
17 **WITHIN 12 HOURS AFTER THE RECORDING IS MADE.**

18 **(3) A RECORDING MADE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS**
19 **SUBSECTION SHALL BE IN A COMMONLY USED ELECTRONIC FORMAT THAT ALLOWS**
20 **THE RECORDING TO BE DOWNLOADED.**

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2016.