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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Information Technology – Study of a Common Information**  
3 **Technology Platform for Health Occupations Boards**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Information Technology to conduct a  
5 certain review of certain information technology platforms used by certain health  
6 occupations boards and make certain recommendations on the feasibility and cost of  
7 developing a certain common information technology platform; requiring the  
8 Department to report certain findings and recommendations to certain committees  
9 of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to a  
10 common information technology platform for health occupations boards.

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
12 That:

13 (a) The Department of Information Technology, in consultation with the health  
14 occupations boards authorized to issue a license or certificate under the Health Occupations  
15 Article, shall:

16 (1) review the information technology platforms used by each board,  
17 including the administrative functions used by each board and the cost of operating the  
18 platforms; and

19 (2) make recommendations on the feasibility and cost of developing a  
20 common information technology platform for use by each board that standardizes the

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 websites and administrative functions of the boards and makes available accurate licensing  
2 information on health care providers for the purposes of facilitating network adequacy,  
3 including:

4 (i) adopting a standardized website appearance and functionality  
5 for all boards;

6 (ii) offering each board the ability to send automated notices to  
7 persons who request to receive notices from the board;

8 (iii) the ability to translate the website of the board into any language  
9 spoken by any limited English proficient population that constitutes at least 3% of the  
10 overall population within the State as measured by the U.S. Census;

11 (iv) offering a standardized method of presenting information to  
12 regulated health care providers and the public on:

- 13 1. licensing or certification;
- 14 2. meeting scheduling and agendas;
- 15 3. board membership and staff;
- 16 4. public notices; and
- 17 5. complaint processing; and

18 (v) if possible, using existing platforms employed by the boards, to  
19 the extent that the platform is consistent with the statewide information technology master  
20 plan, in developing the common platform.

21 (b) On or before December 1, 2021, the Department of Information Technology  
22 shall report its findings and recommendations to the Senate Education, Health, and  
23 Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations  
24 Committee, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
26 1, 2021.