



THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE, EXECUTIVE, AND LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

Memorandum

To: Members of the AELR Committee
Standing Committee Chairs

From: John J. Joyce, AELR Committee Counsel
Kathleen P. Kennedy, AELR Committee Counsel
Georganne Carter, AELR Committee Counsel

Date: February 8, 2021

Re: **Synopses of Regulations received from 1/8/2021 through 2/7/2021**

Enclosed please find synopses of regulations received by the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review (AELR) during the weeks noted above.

The Office of Policy Analysis prepares analyses of the regulations to determine if there are any problem areas, to ensure that the regulations comply with statutory authority and legislative intent, and to assess the fiscal impact of the regulations. If any regulation is of particular interest to you, please feel free to contact us at 410-946-5350 and we will supply you with a copy of the regulation along with the legal and fiscal analysis.

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cc: Jake Weissmann
Alexandra M. Hughes

Information Technology, Department of

Proposed Regulation

DLS Control No. 21-001

Independent Agencies:

Department of Information Technology:

Definitions and General Provisions: COMAR 14.33.01.

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to amend COMAR 14.33.01 and 14.33.02 to come into compliance with Senate Bill 286 (2018) which states THE SECRETARY, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE, SHALL:

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Proposed Regulation

DLS Control No. 21-002

Independent Agencies:

Department of Information Technology:

Information Technology Nonvisual Access Standards: COMAR 14.33.02.

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