

21-102.

(A) THERE IS A MARYLAND RURAL BROADBAND COORDINATION BOARD.

(B) THE BOARD SHALL:

(1) ASSIST IN THE DEPLOYMENT OF BROADBAND COMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE IN RURAL AND UNDERSERVED AREAS OF THE STATE;

(2) COOPERATE WITH PUBLIC, PRIVATE, AND NONPROFIT ENTITIES TO OBTAIN, COORDINATE, AND DISSEMINATE RESOURCES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BROADBAND COMMUNICATION SERVICES IN RURAL AND UNDERSERVED AREAS OF THE STATE;

(3) REVIEW AND APPROVE THE DISBURSEMENT OF THE FUNDS UNDER THE RURAL BROADBAND ASSISTANCE FUND UNDER ARTICLE 83A, § 5-1903 & 5-1902 OF THE CODE AND ANY OTHER FEDERAL, STATE, AND PRIVATE FINANCIAL RESOURCES THAT MAY BE PROVIDED TO ASSIST THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BROADBAND COMMUNICATION SERVICES IN RURAL AND UNDERSERVED AREAS OF THE STATE; AND

(4) PERFORM OTHER FUNCTIONS THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE INTENT OF THIS TITLE.

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(A) THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD CONSISTS OF:

(1) THE SECRETARY OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

(2) THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

(3) AS SELECTED BY THE SECRETARY OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT, EITHER THE CHIEF OF THE STATE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OR THE DIRECTOR OF NETWORK MARYLAND;

(4) THE CHAIRMAN OF THE RURAL MARYLAND COUNCIL, OR THE CHAIRMAN'S DESIGNEE;

(5) THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR SOUTHERN MARYLAND, OR THE CHAIRMAN'S DESIGNEE;

(6) THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR WESTERN MARYLAND, OR THE CHAIRMAN'S DESIGNEE;

(7) THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MID-SHORE REGIONAL COUNCIL, OR THE CHAIRMAN'S DESIGNEE;

(8) THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE LOWER EASTERN SHORE OF MARYLAND, OR THE CHAIRMAN'S DESIGNEE; AND