

# HOUSE BILL 961

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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~Department of Information Technology~~ **Department of Housing and Community**  
3 **Development – Rural Broadband Service – Inventory and Mapping of Assets**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the ~~Department of Information Technology~~ Department of  
5 Housing and Community Development to complete an inventory of certain State and  
6 local government assets on or before a certain date; requiring the Department to use  
7 a certain inventory to create a certain map; ~~requiring~~ authorizing the Department  
8 to solicit input from local governments and Internet service providers on identifying  
9 certain unserved and underserved areas in the State; requiring the Department to  
10 make a certain inventory and a certain map ~~publicly available on its website~~  
11 available on request; and generally relating to rural broadband service.

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

14 (a) (1) On or before ~~October 1, 2019~~ June 1, 2020, the ~~Department of~~  
15 ~~Information Technology~~ Department of Housing and Community Development shall  
16 complete an inventory of all State and local government assets that can be used to assist  
17 with the expansion of broadband service to ~~Western~~ unserved and underserved areas of  
18 ~~Maryland counties, Southern Maryland counties, Eastern Shore counties, and Frederick,~~  
19 ~~Carroll, and Harford counties.~~

20 (2) Assets inventoried shall include the location and number of:

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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 (i) cellular towers;
- 2 (ii) water towers;
- 3 (iii) fiber optic cable routes; and
- 4 (iv) any other structures the Department determines are necessary  
5 to complete the inventory.

6 (b) (1) The Department shall use the inventory completed under subsection (a)  
7 of this section to create a map that includes:

8 (i) all deployable assets and resources owned or managed by State  
9 and local governments; and

10 (ii) population density and business density for unserved and  
11 underserved rural areas ~~in Western of Maryland counties, Southern Maryland counties,~~  
12 ~~Eastern Shore counties, and Frederick, Carroll, and Harford counties.~~

13 (2) The Department ~~shall~~ may solicit input from local governments and  
14 Internet service providers on identifying unserved and underserved rural areas ~~in Western~~  
15 ~~of Maryland counties, Southern Maryland counties, Eastern Shore counties, and Frederick,~~  
16 ~~Carroll, and Harford counties.~~

17 (3) The Department shall make the inventory and map required under this  
18 section ~~publicly available on its website~~ available on request.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
20 October 1, 2018.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.