

Three other bills — from Roem, Del. Joshua Thomas, D-Prince William, and Lovejoy — would require various land buffers between data centers and parks and residences.

“The building of data centers is very close to residential neighborhoods, communities that were originally sites of land that were originally slated for residential being rezoned as light industrial,” said Lovejoy. “We wanted to make sure that that wasn’t being ignored.”

## 2024 SESSION

### **HB 1010 Data centers; sitings near parks, schools, and residential areas.**

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#### **SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:**

**Siting of data centers; parks, schools, and residential areas.** Requires that any local government land use application required for the siting of a data center, as defined in the bill, be approved only for areas that are one-quarter mile or more from federal, state, or local parks, schools, and property zoned or used for residential use.

#### **FULL TEXT**

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#### **AMENDMENTS**

[House subcommittee amendments and substitutes offered](#)

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## 2024 SESSION

### **HB 337 Siting of data centers; impacts on resources and historically significant sites.**

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#### **SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:**

**Siting of data centers; impacts on resources and historically significant sites.** Provides that any local government land use application required for the siting of a data center shall only be approved in areas where the data center will (i) have a minimal impact on historic, agricultural, and cultural resources and (ii) not be within one-half mile of a national park, state park, or other historically significant site.

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## 2024 SESSION

### **SB 284 Siting of data centers; impacts on resources and historically significant sites.**

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#### **SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:**

**Siting of data centers; impacts on resources and historically significant sites.** Provides that any local government land use application required for the siting of a data center shall only be approved in areas where the data center will (i) have a minimal impact on historic, agricultural, and cultural resources and (ii) not be within one mile of a national park, state park, or other historically significant site.

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