

House Health and Government Operations Committee

House Bill 340

State Government - Protection of Information - Revisions (Maryland Data Privacy Act)

House Bill 1122

**State Government - Protection of Personally Identifiable Information –
University System of Maryland**

February 25, 2020

Chair Pendergrass, Vice Chair Pena-Melnyk, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to share our thoughts on House Bill 340 (State Government - Protection of Information - Revisions (Maryland Data Privacy Act) and House Bill 1122 (State Government – Protection of Personally Identifiable Information – University System of Maryland). These bills aim to enhance protection of personally identifiable information.

St. Mary's College believes that the requirements articulated in House Bill 1122 are better tailored to our institution, as it recognizes the information systems managed within the higher education environment. As such, we request amendments to these bills to a) broaden the applicability of House Bill 1122 to include St. Mary's College, and b) to exclude St. Mary's College from House Bill 340. These changes would also be consistent with current practice, whereby the College is exempt from oversight by the Department of Information Technology.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and for your continued support of St. Mary's College of Maryland.



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