



Maryland Municipal League  
*The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns*

TESTIMONY

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**Committee:** Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee

**Bill:** SB 107 – State Government – State and Local Government Employees and Contractors – Cybersecurity Training

**Position:** Support with Amendment

**Reason for Position:**

The Maryland Municipal League supports SB 107 with amendments. As introduced, the bill mandates local government employees to complete State-approved cybersecurity trainings at least four times per year.

The League appreciates the sponsors intent to create a training program for local governments to better protect resident data and our systems. In conversations with the sponsor, we understand the intent was even to make these programs available for free. This would be a great example of the type of resources MML has advocated for the past several sessions.

We do believe, however, that the bill needs clarity to ensure this program would be free to municipal employees. Our members would also appreciate amendments to ensure the content of the trainings developed by the MCCC are applicable to local government and be created in consultation with local government. Further, in cases where municipalities already retain a vendor to provide these functions, we would ask that it fulfill the requirements of the bill as to not be duplicative. Still yet, cities and towns would request the discretion to set the schedules for trainings as it relates to the needs of their employees.

Therefore, the League respectfully requests time to continue working with the sponsor and committee on amendments and provide SB 107 with a favorable report.

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