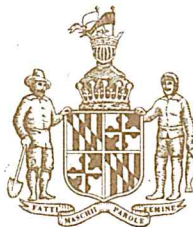


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Chair Pinsky, Vice Chair Kagan, and Member of the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee:

Senate Bill 107 is a straight-forward bill that simply establishes a Cybersecurity Awareness and Training Program for State employees and contractors. Under the legislation, the Maryland Cybersecurity Coordinating Council, in corroboration with the State Chief Information Security Officer, would be tasked with creating the program for State employees consisting of periodic cybersecurity training activities. The State Chief Information Security Officer would also be required to approve and audit certified training courses for contractors accessing State or local government computer systems and databases.

Because of the sensitive nature of the information with which government employees and contractors deal, it's absolutely imperative that we take every precaution necessary to guard the information of Maryland citizens. With identity theft and related-crimes at an all-time high, the program created by this legislation would provide a needed and critical protection for all of those with information in State databases.

For the reasons listed above, I ask for a favorable report of Senate Bill 107.