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TO: Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

FROM: Department of Information Technology

RE: Senate Bill 239 - State Finance and Procurement - Local Cybersecurity Preparedness and

Response Plan and Assessment - Repeal

DATE: January 16, 2025 **POSITION:** Support

The Honorable Brian J. Feldman, Chair Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee 2 West, Miller Senate Office Building Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chairman Feldman,

The Department of Information Technology (DoIT) supports Senate Bill 239 - State Finance and Procurement - Local Cybersecurity Preparedness and Response Plan and Assessment - Repeal. This bill repeals duplicative provision of the law in <u>SF&P 3.5-405</u> which is duplicative of <u>SF&P 3.5-407</u> for county governments, local school systems, and local health departments to develop or update cybersecurity preparedness and response plans and conduct cybersecurity assessments in coordination with local emergency managers, as specified by the Department of Information Technology.

For these reasons, the Maryland Department of Information Technology respectfully requests a favorable report on Senate Bill 239.

Best,

Katie Olson Savage Secretary Department of Information Technology