

May 27, 2022

The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones  
Speaker of the House of Delegates  
H-101 State House  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Madam Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed House Bill 1346 – *State Government – Cybersecurity – Coordination and Governance*.

This bill expands and enhances the State’s regulatory framework for State and local government cybersecurity. Specifically, the bill codifies and expands the Maryland Cyber Defense Initiative; establishes various assessment and reporting requirements for State agencies and local governments; requires the Department of Information Technology to ensure each agency’s compliance with cybersecurity standards under certain circumstances; and requires the Department of Information Technology to develop a centralization transition strategy and conduct a self-performance and capacity assessment.

Senate Bill 812, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1346.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.  
Governor