



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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February 17, 2021

The Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass
Chair, House Health and Government Operations Committee
241 House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

RE: House Bill 587 – Department of Information Technology - Status of Information Technology and Cybersecurity in State Agencies – Letter of Information

Dear Chair Pendergrass and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) respectfully submits this letter of information on House Bill (HB) 587– Department of Information Technology - Status of Information Technology and Cybersecurity in State Agencies.

HB 587 requires MDH submit a report related to information technology and cybersecurity to the Department of Information Technology on or before September 1 each year and compile and analyze certain information to report to State agencies and the General Assembly by December 31 each year.

Due to ongoing COVID-19 response efforts, MDH unfortunately does not have the fiscal or personnel resources to implement this bill if it is passed. Many of MDH’s current personnel have already increased their workload and absorbed additional tasks that are critical to the COVID-19 response.

We recognize and value the importance of this bill and its impact on Marylanders. As such, we respectfully request this bill be held and reintroduced in the 2022 Session. We look forward to working with the bill sponsor(s) and appropriate stakeholders in the interim.

I hope this information is useful. If you have questions or need more information about this subject, please do not hesitate to contact me at (410) 260-3190 or webster.ye@maryland.gov or Deputy Director of Governmental Affairs Heather Shek at heather.shek@maryland.gov and the same number.

Sincerely,

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