



Maryland Municipal League

The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns

TESTIMONY

January 25, 2022

Committee: House Appropriations

Bill: HB 24 - Cybersecurity Scholarship Program – Alterations and Maryland Cybersecurity Loan Assistance Repayment Program – Establishment

Position: Support

Reason for Position:

The Maryland Municipal League supports House Bill 24, which would expand the Cybersecurity Scholarship Program and create a Cybersecurity Loan Assistance Repayment Program.

Cybersecurity is a field that is ever-increasing in importance. Local governments can often be the target of a cyber attack that results in disruption of services and breach of privacy to the residents. HB 24 expands the list of employers for which students can work in order to fulfill a scholarship or loan repayment requirement. Adding municipal governments to the list not only gives the student real life experience in a local government setting but also allows municipal governments to fulfill cybersecurity needs now and prepare for the future. Expanding the pool of cybersecurity workers with local government experience benefits municipalities specifically and everyone generally.

As such, the League respectfully requests that this committee provide HB 24 with a favorable report.

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