



The Honorable Paul Pinsky
Chair, Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee
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Annapolis, MD 21401

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT
SENATE BILL 780 – CYBERSECURITY GOVERNANCE ACT OF 2022

Dear Chairman Pinsky and Members of the Committee:

Moser strongly supports the goals of Senate Bill 780. At Moser, our information technology (IT) professionals help agencies transition from aging systems to newer, more efficient technologies and stay on the cutting-edge to provide consulting that keeps up with widely varying and ever-changing regulatory environments. With experts in more than 16 areas of technology, Moser offers a depth of knowledge and expertise unparalleled in the IT industry. Our professionals perform security assessments, system reviews, updates, and maintenance for government systems and design custom solutions to meet the IT challenges unique to government entities.

Government agencies often deal with highly sensitive information, and the public demands their data be protected. Moser's experts can perform security assessments to identify risks and design solutions to eliminate them, making sure that your systems, processes, and data are always secure. The public also expects their government to provide services without fail, and when things go wrong, the problems are often highly visible. Procuring IT experts can help state agencies avoid the negative spotlight with system reviews, updates, maintenance, and design expert solutions to address all process or performance issues.

Moser strongly supports Senator Hester and the Joint Committee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology and Biotechnology's efforts to standardize and strengthen Maryland's cybersecurity efforts in both the public and private sector. Moser particularly supports the provisions of SB780 which centralize the State's governance of IT and cybersecurity for all executive agencies under the Department of Information Technology, including the coordination and procurement of managed cybersecurity services.

In addition to the essential steps toward standardization in cybersecurity and IT efforts included in the bill as introduced, Moser respectfully urges the sponsor and the Committee to consider adding the following language as a standard requirement for IT procurements conducted by all covered state agencies, as part of its overall cybersecurity plan:

REQUIRING THE DISCLOSURE OF ANY NON-PUBLICLY REPORTED FORMAL CORRECTIVE ACTIONS, SECURITY BREACHES, AND LAWSUITS THAT YOUR COMPANY HAS EXPERIENCED UNDER PREVIOUS CONTRACTS IN THE LAST 10 YEARS.



This is a cybersecurity standard that is increasingly incorporated by other states and we urge Maryland to consider the disclosure of this essential information as an element of its cybersecurity efforts, either directly in statute or in procurement regulations promulgated subsequent to the passage of SB780.

Moser thanks the Committee for its consideration of SB780 and the proposed amendment and urges a favorable report on this essential legislation for ensuring the safe and efficient operation of Maryland.