



**CYBER SECURITY**  
ASSOCIATION OF MARYLAND, INC.

FAVORABLE

TESTIMONY PRESENTED TO THE  
EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

SENATE BILL 390

State Government - Information Technology - Cybersecurity

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Cybersecurity Association of Maryland, Inc.

POSITION: FAVORABLE

March 2, 2022

Chairman Pinsky, Vice Chairwoman Kagan, and Members of this Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Senate Bill 390.

This bill moves Maryland forward in meaningful ways to have a strong cybersecurity posture by codifying current successes within the Maryland State government. By codifying the establishment of the Office of Security Management within the Department of Information Technology, the position of State Chief Information Security Officer, and the Maryland Cybersecurity Coordinating Council you will be adopting a best practice approach that will be difficult to change. The proposed alterations to the membership of the Council will strengthen this group that has proven itself effective and informative. Requiring each unit of the Legislative Branch or Judicial Branch of State government that uses a certain network to certify certain compliance to the Department by December 1 each year would give the State CISO the insight they need to protect our states systems and citizens effectively.

Our organization urges a favorable report. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.