



MARYLAND STATE TREASURER  
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**Testimony of the Maryland State Treasurer's Office**

**House Bill 709: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Financial Systems Council - Establishment**

**Position: Favorable**

**House Appropriations Committee**

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As part of a broader effort to modernize office policies and practices, the State Treasurer's Office (STO) respectfully requests that the Committee give favorable consideration to House Bill 709.

Like other agencies, STO is undertaking a full operational modernization to move towards a cloud-based system that will be more secure. This past year, it became even more apparent the ways in which outdated legacy technology can impact the limits of STO's work. For the agency to operate at the highest level, investing time and resources in IT remains a top priority.

The promise of a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Financial Systems Enterprise as the replacement for the Financial Management Information System (FMIS) will modernize payment processes, safeguard against cybersecurity threats, and enhance coordination across State government. STO and all other agencies that interface with FMIS stand to benefit from the changes proposed under House Bill 709. Most notably, the requirement for STO to collaborate with the Comptroller's Office and other State agencies ensures that the proper policies, objectives, and priorities are implemented throughout the transition.

For the foregoing reasons, STO requests that the Committee give House Bill 709 a favorable report. Please contact Laura Atas, Deputy Treasurer for Public Policy ([latas@treasurer.state.md.us](mailto:latas@treasurer.state.md.us)), with any questions.