



**House Bill 1189 -- *Economic Development - Cybersecurity - Cyber Maryland Program*
House Health and Government Operations Committee and Economic Matters Committee
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Support**

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC), the voice of business in Metro Maryland, supports House Bill 1189 -- *Economic Development - Cybersecurity - Cyber Maryland Program*.

House Bill 1189 establishes the Cyber Maryland Program with the purpose of increasing and building an advanced cybersecurity workforce.

The cybersecurity industry in Maryland has the potential to be the global leader. Maryland's proximity to military, government, and cybersecurity-focused federal agencies and assets is unrivaled. This is why Maryland's policymakers and economic development leaders have made cybersecurity a targeted growth industry sector. The impact on the State's workforce has immense potential, and some of it is already being realized.

The primary challenge, however, for continued growth of this industry is training and retaining a cybersecurity workforce that can keep up with the demands of a growing industry. House Bill 1189 is an important step to address cybersecurity's workforce challenges and advance Maryland forward.

For these reasons, the Montgomery County Chamber supports House Bill 1189 and requests a favorable report.

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of our nearly 500 members, advocates for growth in business opportunities, strategic investment in infrastructure, and balanced tax reform to advance Metro Maryland as a regional, national, and global location for business success. Established in 1959, MCCC is an independent non-profit membership organization and a proud Montgomery County Green Certified Business.

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