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TO: Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
FROM: Department of Information Technology
RE: Senate Bill 247 - Information Technology - Modernize Maryland Oversight Commission - Membership, Responsibilities, and Staffing
DATE: February 8, 2024
POSITION: Support

The Honorable Brian J. Feldman, Chair
Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
2 West, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chairman Feldman,

The Department of Information Technology (DoIT) supports Senate Bill 247 - Information Technology - Modernize Maryland Oversight Commission - Membership, Responsibilities, and Staffing. Senate Bill 247 seeks to modify the responsibilities and membership of the Maryland Management and Oversight Committee (MMOC), transforming it into an advisory committee. This change will allow MMOC to focus on advising the Secretary on strategic IT and cybersecurity investments based on industry best practices and related funding sources.

The current mission of MMOC, which focuses on ensuring the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of information held in State systems, overlaps with the duties performed by the Secretary, the Chief Privacy Officer, the Chief Data Officer, and the State Chief Information Security Officer (SCISO). By transforming MMOC into an advisory committee, it will be able to better support this mission by providing valuable advice and recommendations rather than attempting to evaluate each agency system in the State.

Furthermore, DoIT plans to convene a council of IT leadership from each Executive Branch agency to advise the Secretary on long-term plans for IT and cybersecurity investments and upgrades. This council is expected to meet quarterly, providing a platform for collaboration and effective decision-making.

The modifications proposed by SB 247 will enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of MMOC. By focusing on industry best practices, strategic investments, and funding sources, MMOC will be better equipped to address the evolving challenges in IT and cybersecurity.



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In conclusion, by transforming MMOC into an advisory committee and aligning its responsibilities with industry best practices, this bill will enhance the State's ability to make informed decisions regarding IT and cybersecurity investments.

For these reasons, the Maryland Department of Information Technology respectfully requests a favorable report on Senate Bill 247.

Best,

Katie Olson Savage
Secretary
Department of Information Technology