

Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
February 29, 2024

SB 692 - Cybersecurity - Workgroup to Study Data Security - Establishment

Position: Favorable

The Maryland Association of Community Colleges (MACC), representing Maryland's 16 community colleges, supports **SB 692**, which establishes the Workgroup to Study Data Security. This Workgroup will examine data protections in Maryland and how to strengthen them.

Maryland's community colleges stand ready to support the state's strategic goals in addressing this important issue and appreciate having a seat on the Workgroup. Community colleges play a crucial role in workforce development, preparing students for careers in various fields, including cybersecurity. MACC's involvement with this Workgroup will align recommendations with the skills and training most needed in the workforce.

Community college participation ensures that the recommendations and strategies developed by the workgroup are relevant and aligned with industry standards and workforce needs. Accordingly, MACC urges the Committee to issue a **FAVORABLE** vote on **SB 692**.

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