



**MARYLAND**  
Chamber of Commerce

**LEGISLATIVE POSITION:**

**Favorable**

**Senate Bill 247**

**Information Technology - Modernize Maryland Oversight Commission - Membership, Responsibilities, and Staffing**

**Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**

**Thursday, February 8, 2024**

Dear Chairman Feldman and Members of the Committee:

Founded in 1968, the Maryland Chamber of Commerce is the leading voice for business in Maryland. We are a statewide coalition of more than 6,800 members and federated partners working to develop and promote strong public policy that ensures sustained economic recovery and growth for Maryland businesses, employees, and families.

Senate Bill 247 would introduce new members and responsibilities to the Modernize Maryland Oversight Commission (the Commission). It would also require the Maryland Department of Information Technology to provide staff for the Commission.

We believe that these additions are extremely beneficial. Senate Bill 247 will add individuals from private industries on the board, adding new and unique perspectives. Furthermore, the addition of a second member from the Maryland Chamber of Commerce with knowledge of cybersecurity issues will allow the board to better advise the Secretary and State Chief Information Security Officer. Dedicated staffing will further enhance the effectiveness of the Commission.

For these reasons, the Maryland Chamber of Commerce respectfully requests a **favorable report** on **SB 247**.

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