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TO: Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
FROM: Department of Information Technology
RE: Senate Bill 244 - State Government - Information Technology - Cybersecurity Revisions
DATE: January 16, 2025
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 244 - State Government - Information Technology - Cybersecurity Revisions. This is a clarification bill. It makes changes to Md. Code, State Finance & Procurement §3.5 -2A-04 for the purpose of clarifying the authority of the State Chief Information Security Officer with respect to cybersecurity threats and networkMaryland. This bill revises certain obligations of the Office of Security Management regarding support to local government entities with assessments and providing local governments with the necessary tools to successfully complete these assessments.

This bill makes necessary clarifications regarding the roles and responsibilities of the Department of Information Technology and the Department of Emergency Management with respect to cybersecurity services and support, based on the areas of expertise of each department, such as planning and exercising versus technical assessments and controls guidance.

For these reasons, the Maryland Department of Information Technology respectfully requests a favorable/ unfavorable report on Senate Bill 244.

Best,

Katie Olson Savage
Secretary
Department of Information Technology