



Maryland Municipal League
The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns

TESTIMONY

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Committee: House-Health and Government Operations

Bill: HB 1468- Cyber Maryland Program-Revisions

Position: Favorable

Reason for Position:

The Maryland Municipal League (MML) respectfully supports House Bill 1468, as it alters the Cyber Maryland Fund requirements for municipal entities, providing increased access to grants for local governments to support the state's cybersecurity workforce developments. More specifically, it allows for municipalities to operate cybersecurity programs cohesively with the Cyber Maryland Program's strategic plan with the opportunity for additional financial support.

The alteration to the requirements for the Cyber Maryland Fund additionally means increased economic development as local communities in the state of Maryland start and continue their own cybersecurity workforces. Expanding the requirements of the Cyber Maryland Fund and its funding opportunities to "local workforce boards, local government, local or regional economic development entities and other relevant partner entities" also means continued progress of the state's cybersecurity efforts, allowing for a diverse and inclusive workforce that reflects the diversity of the state itself.

For these reasons, the Maryland Municipal League respectfully requests a favorable report on HB 1468. For more information, please contact Iris Ibegbulem, Senior Associate, Advocacy and Public Affairs at irisi@mdmunicipal.org or 443-295-9457. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

The Maryland Municipal League uses its collective voice to advocate, empower and protect the interests of our 160 local governments members and elevates local leadership, delivers impactful solutions for our communities, and builds an inclusive culture for the 2 million Marylanders we serve.