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TO: House Health and Government Operations Committee
FROM: Department of Information Technology
RE: House Bill 235 - State Government - Information Technology - Cybersecurity Revisions
DATE: February 4, 2025
POSITION: Support

The Honorable Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk
House Health and Government Operations Committee
Room 241, House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chairwoman Pena-Melnyk,

The Department of Information Technology (DoIT) supports House Bill 235 - 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 report on House Bill 235.

Best,

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Acting Secretary
Department of Information Technology