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TO: House Health and Government Operations Committee

FROM: Department of Information Technology

RE: House Bill 209- State Finance and Procurement - Local Cybersecurity Preparedness and

Response Plan and Assessment - Repeal

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 209- State Finance and Procurement - Local Cybersecurity Preparedness and Response Plan and Assessment - Repeal. This bill repeals duplicative provision of the law in <u>SF&P 3.5-405</u> which is duplicative of <u>SF&P 3.5-407</u> for county governments, local school systems, and local health departments to develop or update cybersecurity preparedness and response plans and conduct cybersecurity assessments in coordination with local emergency managers, as specified by the Department of Information Technology.

For these reasons, the Maryland Department of Information Technology respectfully requests a favorable report on House Bill 209.

Best,

Melissa Leaman
Acting Secretary
Department of Information Technology