

**Committee:** Senate Finance Committee

**Bill:** House Bill 264 – Maryland Data Privacy and Protection Act of 2026

**Hearing Date:** April 1, 2026

**Position:** Support

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The Women's Law Center of Maryland strongly supports *House Bill 264 – Maryland Data Privacy and Protection Act of 2026*. The legislation strengthens data privacy policies for State agencies under the direction of the Maryland Department of Information Technology. State agencies will be encouraged: 1) to collect only the most necessary data to support state government functions; and 2) retain data only for the amount of time it is needed. This thoughtful approach will help the State of Maryland to minimize data privacy risks posed in today's environment.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at [relliott@policypartners.net](mailto:relliott@policypartners.net) or (443) 926-3443.

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