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TO: House Government, Labor, and Elections Committee
FROM: Department of Information Technology
RE: Senate Bill 601 - Cybersecurity - Standards and Compliance - Alterations
DATE: April 2, 2026
POSITION: Support with Amendments

The Honorable Melissa Wells, Chair
House Government, Labor, and Elections Committee
145 Lowe House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chairwoman Wells,

The Department of Information Technology (DoIT) respectfully submits this letter in support of Senate Bill 601, as amended.

SB 601 reflects an important commitment to strengthening cybersecurity capacity within Maryland's local school systems. DoIT shares the goal of improving coordination and ensuring schools have access to cybersecurity expertise and resources as threats continue to evolve.

As amended, the bill better reflects DoIT's role in providing leadership, guidance, and subject matter expertise while preserving the operational responsibility of local school systems for the day-to-day management of their own cybersecurity programs. DoIT appreciates the effort to ensure the legislation strengthens coordination without creating unintended mandates or shifting accountability.

With these amendments, DoIT believes SB 601 can effectively support cybersecurity resilience across Maryland's education sector in a manner consistent with existing governance frameworks.

Best,

Katie Savage
Secretary
Department of Information Technology