

May 27, 2022

The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones
Speaker of the House of Delegates
H-101 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Madam Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed House Bill 1202 – *Local Government Cybersecurity – Coordination and Operations (Local Cybersecurity Support Act of 2022)*.

This bill makes several changes to the State's cybersecurity infrastructure, practices, and procedures, by codifying, in part, and expanding the executive order that established the Maryland Cyber Defense Initiative; establishing the Cybersecurity Preparedness Unit in the Maryland Department of Emergency Management and the Information Sharing and Analysis Center within the Department of Information Technology; requiring specified local government entities to create or update cybersecurity preparedness and response plans and complete cybersecurity preparedness assessments, as specified; and requiring the Department of Information Technology to provide guidance to local governments to bring their cybersecurity practices into compliance with cybersecurity standards.

Senate Bill 754, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1202.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor