



**HOUSE, HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
House Bill 587**

**State Government - Department of Information Technology – Status of Information
Technology and Cybersecurity in State Agencies - Report
February 17, 2021
Support with Amendment
Patrick Hogan, Vice Chancellor**

Delegate Pendergrass and committee members, thank you for the opportunity to share our thoughts on House Bill 587. House Bill 587 expands the responsibilities of the Secretary of Information Technology to include requiring each unit of State government to submit a certain report related to information technology and cybersecurity to the Department of Information Technology on or before a certain date each year.

The University System of Maryland (USM) has developed cybersecurity policies and reporting procedures to the Board of Regents appropriate for higher education institutions that are in keeping with this bill. Specifically, USM does not fall under State DoIT's Major IT Development oversight and therefore does not designate projects as such for the purpose that DoIT requires of Executive Branch agencies. Projects of certain dollar thresholds and criticality are reported to the Board of Regents as a matter of policy though. Similarly, the reporting requirement in HB587 relative to initiatives to improve the "unit's cybersecurity and data protection", would be based upon on the USM's specific IT Security Standard and may not be totally relevant to the types of initiatives being undertaken by a unit of State Government, accountable to a different standard. Finally, the requirement regarding improving "customer access to State services" is not written in a manner that differentiates what this means to an institution of higher education.

House Bill 587 would require that USM institutions develop new reports to arguable value for DoIT's goal for this report. Based on the mismatched oversight and compliance procedures between Executive Branch and USM for some of the requirements of the bill, we are asking to be explicitly omitted.

The USM respectfully requests an amendment to be excluded from the requirements called for under House Bill 587.

Thank you for allowing the USM to share these concerns regarding House Bill 587.