

**House Bill 005**  
**State Government - State and Local Government Employees and Contractors -**  
**Cybersecurity Training**  
**House Health and Government Operations Committee**  
**March 1, 2022**

**Letter of Information**

Chair Pendergrass, Vice Chair Pena-Melnyk, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to share our thoughts on House Bill 005 - State and Local Government Employees and Contractors - Cybersecurity Training. St. Mary's College of Maryland is currently engaged in the implementation of a Cybersecurity Awareness and Training Program for students, faculty, and staff, including contractors. The certification training is expected to be complete in May 2022. The training provided by the College, which meets the requirements and guidance within the State of Maryland Treasurer Office's cybersecurity insurance policy, is encompassing, thorough, and relevant to the needs of higher education.

While all students, faculty, staff, and contractors will receive cybersecurity training, those whose positions require access to federal, state, and local government systems will receive specialized training, based on their roles and responsibilities, that is specific to their area and the information they share or access. The College's Assistant Vice-President of Information Technology/Chief Information Officer is responsible for determining both the general and specific training needs of each individual on campus and ensuring that the required training is completed.

House Bill 005 requires a significant amount of additional training, management, and oversight, for which the College would need to hire an Information Technology Security Officer at a cost of \$150K plus benefits annually. Further, the additional and frequent interaction with the Department of Information Technology through the audit and verification processes required by the Bill would result in additional costs to the College, which are unknown at this time.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Mary's College of Maryland.



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