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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE  
First Reader

Senate Bill 239 (Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment  
Committee)(By Request - Departmental - Information  
Technology)

Education, Energy, and the Environment

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State Finance and Procurement - Local Cybersecurity Preparedness and  
Response Plan and Assessment - Repeal

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This departmental bill repeals a duplicative requirement that each county government, local school system, and local health department (except for municipal governments) consult with the local emergency manager to create or update a cybersecurity preparedness and response plan and complete a cybersecurity preparedness assessment. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2025.**

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None. The bill is technical in nature and repeals a duplicative requirement that remains in another section of State law.

**Local Effect:** None. The bill is technical in nature and repeals a duplicative requirement that remains in another section of State law.

**Small Business Effect:** The Department of Information Technology (DoIT) has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). The Department of Legislative Services (DLS) concurs with this assessment.

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Analysis

**Current Law/Background:** Chapters 241, 242, and 243 of 2022 expanded and enhanced the State's regulatory framework for State and local government cybersecurity. Among other things, the Acts required additional funding for cybersecurity, established leadership

positions in State government for cybersecurity, codified existing cybersecurity requirements from a previous executive order, and required State and local governments to perform cybersecurity preparedness assessments.

More specifically, and being repealed by the bill, Chapter 241 required each county government, local school system, and local health department to consult with the local emergency manager to create or update a cybersecurity preparedness and response plan and complete a cybersecurity preparedness assessment.

Similarly, but in a different section of State law that is unaffected by the bill (specifically §3.5-407 of the State Finance and Procurement Article), Chapter 242 required each county government, local school system, and local health department to consult with the local emergency manager to create or update a cybersecurity preparedness and response plan and complete a cybersecurity preparedness assessment, but the local entities must do so in a manner and frequency established in regulation by DoIT.

DoIT advises, and DLS concurs, that the bill is technical in nature, repealing a duplicative requirement to avoid potential confusion and ambiguity.

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### **Additional Information**

**Recent Prior Introductions:** Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

**Designated Cross File:** HB 209 (Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee)(By Request - Departmental - Information Technology) - Health and Government Operations.

**Information Source(s):** Department of Information Technology; Montgomery County Public Schools; Department of Legislative Services

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**ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES**

TITLE OF BILL: Cybersecurity Preparedness and Response Plan - Language Clarification

BILL NUMBER: SB 239

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**PART A. ECONOMIC IMPACT RATING**

This agency estimates that the proposed bill:

  X   WILL HAVE MINIMAL OR NO ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND SMALL  
BUSINESS

OR

      WILL HAVE MEANINGFUL ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND SMALL  
BUSINESSES

**PART B. ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS**

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