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The Honorable Larry Hogan
Governor
Executive Department
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky
Chair
Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee
2W Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass
Chair
House Health and Government Operations Committee
241 House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Governor Hogan, Chairman Pinsky and Chairwoman Pendergrass:

Pursuant to Chapter 467, Section 3, Acts of 2018 and in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State
Government Article, the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) submits this report to supply (1)
DoIT's plans to provide security training material that focuses on ensuring data protection and integrity
and can be used by the Governor and any unit of State government; and (2) to report on the number of
personnel who handle security-sensitive data identified by each unit of State government and the total
number of additional licenses required in order to provide security training material that focuses on
ensuring data protection and integrity and can be used by the Governor and any unit of State government.

In order to provide security training material focusing on ensuring data protection and integrity, DoIT has
procured the SecurityIQ product. This procurement was performed through a competitive bid process,
where vendors were evaluated based on their ability to provide training focused on data protection,
integrity, and availability (the three tenants of cybersecurity), as well as cost. The initial procurement was
for 42,000 licenses, which was based on license use historical data. Language in place in the State's
agreement with SecurityIQ allows this training to be available for use by the Governor and any unit of
State government. The Department is also proactively developing a work-order for an additional 14,000
licenses, in case the demand for SecurityIQ licenses goes beyond 42,000.

DoIT is also implementing a policy that recognizes all IT system users in the state have information security responsibilities. Security awareness training will not be limited to employees currently handling sensitive data, as any employee could be moved into a role where they would become responsible for handling sensitive data. Further, security is everyone's responsibility, and all employees should be aware of what to do in case they are exposed to sensitive data or see someone else mishandling sensitive data, even if handling sensitive data is not a part of their job responsibilities.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at michael.leahy@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

Michael G. Leahy
Secretary

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