

HOUSE BILL 348

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By: **Delegate Novotny**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **General Assembly and Legislative Branch of State Government – Security**
3 **Training – Protecting Security–Sensitive Data**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the General Assembly and an agency or a unit of the
5 Legislative Branch of State government to develop a plan, in accordance with
6 Department of Information Technology guidelines, to identify and provide annual
7 training to certain individuals who handle security–sensitive data; and generally
8 relating to security training for members and employees of the General Assembly
9 and the Legislative Branch of State government.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – State Finance and Procurement
12 Section 3A–314
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2021 Replacement Volume)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

18 3A–314.

19 (a) **(1)** In this section, [~~“security–sensitive”~~] **THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE**
20 **THE MEANINGS INDICATED.**

21 **(2)** **“SECURITY–SENSITIVE data”** means information that is protected
22 against unwarranted disclosure.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(3) “UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT” INCLUDES AN AGENCY OR A UNIT**
2 **OF THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT.**

3 (b) In accordance with guidelines established by the Secretary, each unit of State
4 government **AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY** shall develop a plan to:

5 (1) identify unit personnel who handle security–sensitive data; and

6 (2) establish annual security overview training or refresher security
7 training [for each employee who handles security–sensitive data as part of the employee’s
8 duties] **FOR THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHO HANDLE SECURITY–SENSITIVE DATA**
9 **AS PART OF THE INDIVIDUAL’S DUTIES:**

10 (I) EACH EMPLOYEE OF A UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT;

11 (II) EACH MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND

12 (III) EACH INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2022.