SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 25: Department of Emergency Management Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security

To:	Ways and Means Full Committee
From:	Public Safety Subcommittee
Carrier:	Representative Evans

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means recommend including an increase of \$2,988,2886 in Federal Funds expenditure limitation for the Department of Emergency Management in a budget reconciliation bill during the 2024 legislative session for the State and Local Cybersecurity Program grant award.

The increase in Federal Funds expenditure limitation is to accommodate the successful awarding of a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for cybersecurity and infrastructure security. The Department received legislative permission to apply for the first round of this formula grant in December 2022.

The grant requires a 10% match; however, a federal waiver has been granted and therefore no state matching funds are necessary. These grant funds will be distributed to local entities to support eligible cybersecurity projects once those have been approved.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends approval.