

# Veterans' Affairs Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** SB-953

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CYBER TECHNOLOGY COMPETITION FOR

**Title:** CERTAIN STUDENTS.

**Vote Date:** 3/12/2019

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable

**PH Date:** 3/7/2019

**File No.:**

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## **SPONSORS OF BILL:**

Veterans' Affairs Committee

## **REASONS FOR BILL:**

By permitting the Military Department to use available appropriations to establish, host, and promote a cyber technology competition for high school students, S.B. No. 953 intends to increase National Guard presence in the civilian community and cultivate interest in cyber security. An increased awareness of the National Guard's mission would bolster recruitment, help bridge the civilian-military divide, and, in the case of S.B. No. 953, foster children's interest in an area of vital importance to national security.

## **RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

[Francis J. Evon, Jr., the Adjutant General, State of Connecticut Military Department](#): Major General Evon, Jr., testified that the implementation of a cyber technology competition would not only help engage the community with the National Guard, but would also foster interest in cyber security, an aspect of national defense that continues to grow in importance.

## **NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

None expressed for S.B. No. 953

## **NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

None expressed for S.B. No. 953

