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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CYBERSECURITY TASK FORCE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study cybersecurity. The task force shall develop a strategic plan that
3 includes findings and recommendations on:

4 (1) Establishing a structure for oversight and coordination of
5 cybersecurity among state agencies, boards, commissions and other
6 entities, including the constituent units of the state system of higher
7 education, as defined in section 10a-1 of the general statutes;

8 (2) Critical information technology infrastructure needs related to
9 cybersecurity in the state;

10 (3) Maximizing state coordination with and assistance to
11 municipalities and other political subdivisions of the state on
12 cybersecurity and maximizing coordination and assistance among
13 municipalities and other political subdivisions of the state;

14 (4) Maximizing interaction and coordination with federal

15 government agencies, including the United States Department of
16 Homeland Security;

17 (5) Appropriate information sharing between federal, state and local
18 agencies;

19 (6) Coordination of cybersecurity initiatives with other states and the
20 federal government;

21 (7) Collaboration with the private sector to facilitate cybersecurity,
22 including efforts related to corporate espionage, protection of trade
23 secrets and data privacy; and

24 (8) Promoting personal computer, mobile data and application
25 security for persons throughout the state, including promoting public
26 awareness of cybersecurity issues.

27 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

28 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
29 one of whom has expertise in cybersecurity in the financial, defense,
30 public utility or health care industry;

31 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of
32 whom has expertise in cybersecurity investigations as a member of a
33 law enforcement unit;

34 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
35 Representatives, who represents a municipality having a population of
36 less than sixty thousand persons and has experience in municipal
37 cybersecurity issues;

38 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who
39 represents a municipality having a population of sixty thousand or more
40 persons and who has experience in municipal cybersecurity issues;

41 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
42 Representatives;

43 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

44 (7) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection,
45 or the commissioner's designee;

46 (8) The Commissioner of Administrative Services, or the
47 commissioner's designee;

48 (9) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development,
49 or the commissioner's designee; and

50 (10) Three persons appointed by the Governor.

51 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
52 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
53 of the General Assembly.

54 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
55 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
56 filled by the appointing authority.

57 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
58 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from
59 among the members of the task force. The chairpersons shall schedule
60 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty
61 days after the effective date of this section.

62 (f) The task force may consult with any individual or organization as
63 the chairpersons deem appropriate.

64 (g) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
65 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety
66 and security shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

67 (h) Not later than January 1, 2021, the task force shall submit a report
68 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
69 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
70 safety and security, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a

71 of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
72 submits such report or January 1, 2021, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:
To establish a cybersecurity task force.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]