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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
3 that includes findings and recommendations on:

4 (1) Establishing a structure for the 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
20 the 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
32 of 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
40 more persons and who has experience in municipal cybersecurity
41 issues;

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

43 Representatives;

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

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

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

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

51 (10) Three persons appointed by the Governor.

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

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

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

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

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

68 (h) Not later than January 1, 2024, the task force shall submit a
69 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing

70 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
71 relating to public safety and security, in accordance with the
72 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall
73 terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2024,
74 whichever is later.

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

PS *Joint Favorable*