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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 24, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a
2 comprehensive study on the Commonwealth's cyber security
3 efforts and protocols to protect private information of our
4 citizens.

5 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth collects and possesses sensitive
6 personal information about the residents of this Commonwealth
7 through various State programs and routine administrative
8 activities that are conducted by Commonwealth agencies and their
9 contractors; and

10 WHEREAS, Recent headlines in the news about third parties
11 hacking into retail and private corporate computer systems and
12 the resulting compromise of personal information about customers
13 is a grave concern; and

14 WHEREAS, It is necessary for the Commonwealth to be vigilant
15 in protecting the personal information of its residents through
16 adequate cyber security measures; and

17 WHEREAS, The level of cyber security efforts and protocols in
18 this Commonwealth needs to be determined to assess risk and to

1 implement the best available safeguards of personal information;
2 therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the Joint
4 State Government Commission to conduct a comprehensive study on
5 the extent to which all branches of the Commonwealth government,
6 including their contractors and subcontractors, implement cyber
7 security efforts and protocols directed at safeguarding the
8 personal information of residents of this Commonwealth; and be
9 it further

10 RESOLVED, That the study review Statewide standards and
11 protocols that serve as the framework for cyber security
12 protection to determine:

13 (1) whether or not these standards and protocols are in
14 place for the myriad of State offices that exist throughout
15 this Commonwealth; and

16 (2) if funding and resources are sufficient to maintain
17 and enhance security hardware, software, personnel and
18 training to remain vigilant against evolving threats;

19 and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the study review the coordination of State
21 information technology personnel involved in cyber security,
22 including:

23 (1) whether or not they routinely examine the
24 capabilities of the security systems to protect against cyber
25 attacks;

26 (2) safeguards and restrictions placed on inter-agency
27 sharing of State data and information;

28 (3) safeguards and restrictions placed on data and
29 information sharing between State and local government
30 agencies; and

1 (4) if there are resources available for continuing
2 education of the information technology personnel;
3 and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the study review the Commonwealth's standards
5 and protocols as they apply to private entities that contract
6 with the State; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the study review best practices in cyber
8 security protection, including those used by Federal and other
9 states' government; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the study determine if the Commonwealth would
11 benefit from routine peer reviews of its cyber security
12 protections, including input solicited from academic and private
13 sector experts; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the study determine if current laws are
15 adequate regarding public notification of data breaches,
16 including privacy rights for residents of the Commonwealth, and
17 the Commonwealth's strategic plan for cyber security and
18 contingencies if a data breach occurs; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the commission consult with the Governor's
20 Office ~~for Information Technology~~ OF ADMINISTRATION in preparing <--
21 the study; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the commission report its findings from the
23 study to the General Assembly within one year of the adoption of
24 this resolution.