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**Committee Bill No. 709**

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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:  
(PS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING A DIVISION OF CYBERSECURITY WITHIN  
THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC  
PROTECTION.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 29-1b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

3 (a) There shall be within the Department of Emergency Services and  
4 Public Protection a Division of State Police. The Commissioner of  
5 Emergency Services and Public Protection shall serve as administrative  
6 head and commanding officer of the State Police Division. As  
7 administrative head, said commanding officer of the Division of State  
8 Police shall delegate said commanding officer's jurisdiction of the  
9 affairs of the Division of State Police to a deputy commissioner who  
10 shall have the powers and privileges conferred by statute upon a state  
11 policeman.

12 (b) There shall be within said department a Division of Emergency  
13 Management and Homeland Security. The commissioner shall serve as  
14 administrative head of said division. As administrative head, said

15 commissioner shall delegate said commissioner's jurisdiction of the  
16 Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security to a  
17 deputy commissioner. The deputy commissioner shall possess  
18 professional training and knowledge consisting of not less than five  
19 years of managerial or strategic planning experience in matters relating  
20 to public safety, security, emergency services and emergency response.  
21 No person possessing a record of any criminal, unlawful or unethical  
22 conduct shall be eligible for or hold such position. Any person with  
23 any present or past political activities or financial interests that may  
24 substantially conflict with the duties of the deputy commissioner or  
25 expose such person to potential undue influence or compromise such  
26 person's ability to be entrusted with necessary state or federal security  
27 clearances or information shall be deemed unqualified for such  
28 position and shall not be eligible to hold such position.

29 (c) (1) There shall be within said department a Division of  
30 Cybersecurity. The commissioner shall serve as administrative head of  
31 said division. As administrative head, said commissioner shall  
32 delegate said commissioner's jurisdiction of the Division of  
33 Cybersecurity to a deputy commissioner. The deputy commissioner  
34 shall possess professional training and knowledge consisting of not  
35 less than five years of managerial or strategic planning experience in  
36 matters relating to cybersecurity. No person possessing a record of any  
37 criminal, unlawful or unethical conduct shall be eligible for or hold  
38 such position. Any person with any present or past political activities  
39 or financial interests that may substantially conflict with the duties of  
40 the deputy commissioner or expose such person to potential undue  
41 influence or compromise such person's ability to be entrusted with  
42 necessary state or federal security clearances or information shall be  
43 deemed unqualified for such position and shall not be eligible to hold  
44 such position.

45 (2) The division shall (A) oversee and coordinate cybersecurity  
46 efforts among state agencies, boards, commissions and other entities,  
47 including the constituent units of the state system of higher education

48 as defined in section 10a-1, and identify critical information technology  
 49 infrastructure needs; (B) assist municipalities and other political  
 50 subdivisions of the state with cybersecurity efforts and coordinate state  
 51 initiatives with municipalities and other political subdivisions of the  
 52 state to the maximum extent possible; (C) act as a liaison with federal  
 53 government agencies, including the United States Department of  
 54 Homeland Security, and share information with federal, state and local  
 55 agencies as appropriate; (D) coordinate cybersecurity initiatives with  
 56 other states and the federal government; (E) collaborate with the  
 57 private sector to facilitate cybersecurity efforts, including efforts  
 58 related to corporate espionage, protection of trade secrets and data  
 59 privacy; and (F) promote personal computer, mobile data and  
 60 application security for persons throughout the state, including  
 61 promoting public awareness of cybersecurity issues.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2019	29-1b

**Statement of Purpose:**

To create a Division of Cybersecurity within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection.

*[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.]*

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