



Senate Bill No. 933

Special Act No. 23-23

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CYBERSECURITY TASK FORCE.

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

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

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

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

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

(4) Maximizing interaction and coordination with federal government agencies, including the United States Department of Homeland Security;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(10) Three persons appointed by the Governor.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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