

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 67

BY REPRESENTATIVE FOIL AND SENATOR THOMPSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Economic Development, in cooperation with the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, to create a task force to study and conduct a beta test that is composed of volunteer representatives from private businesses that are domiciled and licensed to conduct business in the state of Louisiana, to determine the cost, resources, and time required for varying sizes of businesses to adhere to the Cybersecurity Framework Standards promulgated by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, and to provide a written report of its findings and recommendations and a proposed budget to the House Committee on Commerce; the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs; the House Committee on Ways and Means; and the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs no later than January 10, 2020.

WHEREAS, cybersecurity breaches are increasing in frequency, with criminals routinely targeting businesses; and

WHEREAS, the state consistently contracts with local businesses to provide goods and services; and

WHEREAS, cyber-related attacks not only occur directly against a host's network, but also through service providers that find alternative entrances through a third party; and

WHEREAS, to protect the integrity of its own information systems and networks, the state must be assured that vendors with which it does business take the necessary steps to do the same; and

WHEREAS, the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2014 formalized the role of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and empowered the United States secretary of commerce, through the director of NIST, to develop a voluntary Cybersecurity Framework; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the NIST drafted a Cybersecurity Framework which provides a policy framework of computer security consisting of standards, guidelines, and best practices to manage cybersecurity-related risks by focusing on five core functions: identify, protect, detect, respond, and recover; and

WHEREAS, the Cybersecurity Framework further includes a self-assessment tool for businesses to use to discover vulnerabilities and prioritize cybersecurity objectives; and

WHEREAS, the Cybersecurity Framework was drafted in plain language to enable it to be a more cost-effective protocol; and

WHEREAS, many businesses are either unaware of cybersecurity risks or of the benefits of the NIST Cybersecurity Framework, or both; and

WHEREAS, businesses that are aware of cybersecurity risks often fear the cost of implementing the Cybersecurity Framework, placing both the business and its partners at risk; and

WHEREAS, the use of the Cybersecurity Framework is not presently mandated as private businesses and industry may require financial incentive for its adoption and use.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Economic Development, in cooperation with the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, to create a task force to study and conduct a beta test that is composed of volunteer representatives from private businesses that are domiciled and licensed to conduct business in the state of Louisiana, and to determine the cost, resources, and time required for varying sizes of businesses to adhere to the Cybersecurity Framework Standards promulgated by the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be composed of the following members:

- (1) The chairman of the House Committee on Commerce or his designee.

(2) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs or his designee.

(3) The chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means or his designee.

(4) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs or his designee.

(5) The executive director of the Stephenson Disaster Management Institute of Louisiana State University or his designee.

(6) The president of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry or his designee.

(7) The director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness or his designee.

(8) The director of the Louisiana State Analytical and Fusion Exchange or his designee.

(9) The director of business intelligence at Louisiana Economic Development.

(10) A representative from the Louisiana Business Emergency Operations Center, appointed by the director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, or his designee.

(11) The president of the Louisiana Chemical Association or his designee.

(12) The president of the Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association or his designee.

(13) The president of the Baton Rouge Area Chamber or his designee.

(14) The executive director of the Cyber Innovation Center or his designee.

(15) The director of the Louisiana Small Business Development Center or his designee.

(16) The chief executive officer of LCTA-The Internet & Television Association or his designee.

(17) The chairman of the Louisiana Telecommunications Association or his designee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the director of business intelligence at the Department of Economic Development and the president of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry shall be jointly responsible for designating, delegating, and managing

the duties of the task force, and shall convene the first meeting of the task force no later than August 1, 2019, at which time the task force shall adopt rules of procedure, a work and planning schedule, and develop any additional measures that it deems necessary for the timely performance of its duties, including the selection of officers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force conduct a beta test, determine the cost, resources, and time required for businesses to adhere to the Cybersecurity Framework Standards, and provide a written report of its findings and recommendations, and a proposed budget including a financial incentive plan to the House Committee on Commerce; the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs; the House Committee on Ways and Means; and the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs no later than January 10, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the entities named in this Resolution to serve or be represented on the task force.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE