

## Public Safety and Security Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** SB-1319

**Title:** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CYBERSECURITY TASK FORCE.

**Vote Date:** 3/18/2025

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable Substitute

**PH Date:** 2/18/2025

**File No.:**

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### SPONSORS OF BILL:

[Sen. Tony Hwang, 28th Dist.](#)

### REASONS FOR BILL:

The bill will develop a cybersecurity task force to address cyber-attacks and threats faced by Connecticut infrastructure. Currently, the number of these types of attacks is growing and the tech infrastructure in Connecticut is aging. Thus, there is need for a task force to address these concerns.

### Substitute Language

Changes the task force report submission and termination date from January 1, 2024, to January 1, 2027.

### RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None Expressed

### NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

#### [Mike Muszynski, Connecticut Conference of Municipalities](#)

The testifier supports the bill on the grounds that it would ensure that infrastructure is protected from cyber threats. The testifier is particularly supportive of the representation from municipalities included in the task force. They note that municipal government technological infrastructure presents a vulnerability and that the proposed bill will help augment training efforts and foster coordination between the state and local agencies.

#### [John Vamos, State Government Relations, United Illuminating](#)

Vamos notes that utility companies remain a target of cyberattacks due to the data and funds they possess. They believe that collaborative efforts to share information will help combat these threats. A task force helping study cyber related threats faced by Connecticut utilities will aid this effort and combat relevant threats.

**Tony Hwang, Senator, 28<sup>th</sup> District, Connecticut General Assembly**

Hwang notes that this bill is reconvening a task force that was unable to fulfill the work it had originally intended to. They note the development in AI technology has created a sense of urgency around cybersecurity. Hwang notes that cybersecurity is a matter of national security. Currently, state institutions are not required to report incidents regarding cybersecurity such as ransomware attacks. Additionally, personal data is at risk

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

None Expressed

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