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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CYBERSECURITY TASK FORCE.

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

1 Section 1. Section 1 of special act 23-23 is amended to read as follows
2 (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) There is established a task force to study cybersecurity. The task
4 force shall develop a strategic plan that includes findings and
5 recommendations on:

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

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

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

15 municipalities and other political subdivisions of the state;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

40 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who
41 represents a municipality having a population of sixty thousand or more

42 persons and who has experience in municipal cybersecurity issues;

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

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

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

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

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

52 (10) Three persons appointed by the Governor.

53 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
54 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
55 of the General Assembly.

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

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

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

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

69 (h) Not later than January 1, [2024] 2026, the task force shall submit a
70 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
71 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
72 relating to public safety and security, in accordance with the provisions
73 of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on
74 the date that it submits such report or January 1, [2024] 2026, whichever
75 is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	SA 23-23, Sec. 1

Statement of Purpose:
To establish a cybersecurity task force.

[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.]