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By: **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Cybersecurity Council – Membership – Alterations**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the selection of the membership and chair of the Maryland
4 Cybersecurity Council; and generally relating to Maryland Cybersecurity Council
5 membership.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – State Government
8 Section 9–2901(b)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – State Government
13 Section 9–2901(c) and (f)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

16 BY repealing
17 Article – State Government
18 Section 9–2901(g)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

21 BY adding to
22 Article – State Government
23 Section 9–2901(g)
24 Annotated Code of Maryland
25 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – State Government

9–2901.

(b) There is a Maryland Cybersecurity Council.

(c) The Council consists of the following members:

(1) the Attorney General, or the Attorney General’s designee;

(2) the Secretary of Information Technology, or the Secretary’s designee;

(3) the Secretary of State Police, or the Secretary’s designee;

(4) the Secretary of Commerce, or the Secretary’s designee;

(5) the Adjutant General, or the Adjutant General’s designee;

(6) the State Administrator of Elections, or the State Administrator’s
designee;

(7) the Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security,
or the Executive Director’s designee;

(8) the Director of the Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center, or the
Director’s designee;

(9) the Secretary of Emergency Management, or the Secretary’s designee;

(10) the Chief Executive Officer of the Maryland Technology Development
Corporation, or the Chief Executive Officer’s designee;

(11) the Chair of the Tech Council of Maryland, or the Chair’s designee;

(12) the President of the Fort Meade Alliance, or the President’s designee;

(13) the President of the Army Alliance, or the President’s designee; and

(14) the following members appointed by the [Attorney General]
GOVERNOR:

(i) five representatives of cybersecurity companies located in the
State, with at least three representing cybersecurity companies with 50 or fewer employees;

(ii) four representatives from statewide or regional business associations;

(iii) up to ten representatives from institutions of higher education located in the State;

(iv) one representative of a crime victims organization;

(v) four representatives from industries that may be susceptible to attacks on cybersecurity, including at least one representative of a bank, whether or not State-chartered, that has a branch in the State;

(vi) two representatives of organizations that have expertise in electronic health care records; and

(vii) any other stakeholder that the [Attorney General] **GOVERNOR** determines appropriate.

(f) The [Attorney General] **GOVERNOR** also shall invite, as appropriate, the following representatives of federal agencies to serve on the Council:

(1) the Director of the National Security Agency, or the Director's designee;

(2) the Secretary of Homeland Security, or the Secretary's designee;

(3) the Director of the Defense Information Systems Agency, or the Director's designee;

(4) the Director of the Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity, or the Director's designee; and

(5) any other federal agency that the Attorney General determines appropriate.

[(g) The Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee, shall chair the Council.]

(G) BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025, AND EVERY 2 YEARS THEREAFTER, THE COUNCIL SHALL ELECT A CHAIR FROM AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2025.