

HOUSE BILL 376

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

Introduced and read first time: January 16, 2025

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



Article – State Government
Section 9–2901(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CYBERSECURITY
ASSOCIATION, INC., OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S DESIGNEE;**

~~(12)~~ **(13)** the President of the Fort Meade Alliance, or the President’s
designee;

1 ~~(13)~~ **(14)** the President of the Army Alliance, or the President's designee;
2 and

3 ~~(14)~~ **(15)** the following members appointed by the [Attorney General]
4 **GOVERNOR**:

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

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

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

11 (iv) one representative of a crime victims organization;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.