

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly
2018 Session

FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE
Third Reader - Revised

Senate Bill 281

(Senator Simonaire, *et al.*)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

Maryland Cybersecurity Council - Membership - Revisions

This bill alters the membership of the Maryland Cybersecurity Council to include the State Administrator of Elections, or the administrator's designee.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Any expense reimbursements for the new council member are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing resources. Revenues are not affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 358 of 2015 established the Maryland Cybersecurity Council. The council is required to work with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), as well as other federal agencies, private-sector businesses, and private cybersecurity experts to address State issues. The council's responsibilities include (1) examining inconsistencies between State and federal cybersecurity laws; (2) assisting private-sector cybersecurity businesses in adopting, adapting, and implementing the NIST cybersecurity framework of standards and practices; and (3) recommending legislative changes to address cybersecurity issues.

The council consists of several Executive Department secretaries and directors (or their designees), as well as representatives appointed by the Attorney General from businesses and companies around the State. In addition to the required members of the council, the

President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates may each appoint two legislative members to serve on the council. Finally, the Attorney General must also invite, as appropriate, specified directors and secretaries of federal security agencies to serve on the council. The council must be chaired by the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): University System of Maryland; Maryland State Board of Elections; Department of Legislative Services

Fiscal Note History: First Reader - January 26, 2018
md/mcr Third Reader - March 17, 2018
Revised - Amendment(s) - March 17, 2018

Analysis by: Richard L. Duncan

Direct Inquiries to:
(410) 946-5510
(301) 970-5510