

**HB0879/546284/1**

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 879  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “**Maryland Emergency Management Agency –**”; in line 3, strike “**Office – Establishment**” and substitute “– **Maryland Cybersecurity Council Study and Report**”; in line 4, after “of” insert “requiring the Maryland Cybersecurity Council to conduct a certain study on cybersecurity coordination and operations in the State; requiring the Council to submit a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to a report on cybersecurity coordination and operations”; strike beginning with “establishing” in line 4 down through “MEMA” in line 13; strike lines 14 through 18 in their entirety; and in line 20 strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 through 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 21 on page 1 through line 22 on page 3, inclusive.

On page 3, after line 22, insert:

“(a) The Maryland Cybersecurity Council shall:

(1) study:

(i) the State’s existing cybersecurity programs and coordination policies and efforts, including the responsibilities of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency and Department of Information Technology, as well as the coordination of responsibilities between these units;

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(ii) cybersecurity coordination and operations programs in other states;

(iii) best practices and recommendations of models for cybersecurity coordination and operations by a state;

(iv) the traits of a government agency or department that is well suited to manage cybersecurity coordination and operations for a state;

(v) what State agency or department best matches the traits identified in item (iv) of this item or whether a new State agency or department should be created to manage cybersecurity coordination and operations for the State;

(vi) the needs for cybersecurity coordination and operations by State, local, and nongovernmental entities in the State; and

(vii) issues regarding the constitutional authority of the General Assembly and the Executive Branch to enact and maintain an effective cybersecurity policy for the State; and

(2) develop a comprehensive cybersecurity coordination and response structure and plan for the State based on the findings from studying the items in paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(b) On or before December 1, 2021, the Council shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, the House Health and Government Operations Committee, and the Joint Committee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Biotechnology.”;

in line 24, strike “October” and substitute “July”; and in the same line, after the period insert “It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of

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July 31, 2022, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.