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Senate Bill 368

(Senator Pugh, *et al.*)

Finance

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**Commission on Maryland Cybersecurity Innovation and Excellence -
Membership and Termination Date**

This bill repeals the termination date of the Commission on Maryland Cybersecurity Innovation and Excellence. The bill requires the commission to submit an annual report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 1 of each year. The bill alters the membership of the commission by adding six members, including (1) one additional member of the Senate of Maryland; (2) one additional representative from a statewide or regional business association; (3) two additional representatives from institutions of higher education located in the State; (4) one additional representative from an industry that may be susceptible to attacks on cybersecurity; and (5) one additional representative of an organization that has expertise in electronic health care records.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Any expense reimbursements for commission members and staffing costs for the University of Maryland University College (UMUC) to support the commission are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: Chapters 250 and 251 of 2011 established the Commission on Maryland Cybersecurity Innovation and Excellence to (1) review current federal and

State laws, standards, and policies for inconsistencies and preemption issues; (2) provide recommendations regarding strategic plans to promote cybersecurity innovation and recover from attacks on cybersecurity; and (3) recommend methods of promoting innovation through public-private partnerships, the education system, research and development, and selection of a State agency suitable to implement a pilot program. UMUC was tasked to provide staff support for the commission, which held its initial meeting on November 22, 2011, and submitted its interim report to the Governor and the General Assembly on December 23, 2011. The commission is required to submit its final findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by September 1, 2014. The commission is scheduled to terminate on December 31, 2014.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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