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House Bill 1306  
Ways and Means

(Delegate Lisanti)

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Maryland Cybersecurity Council - Election Security and High-Speed Internet  
Access

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This bill expands the responsibilities of the Maryland Cybersecurity Council (MCC) to include (1) monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of measures taken to ensure election security in the State; (2) monitoring and evaluating the status of high-speed Internet access in the State; and (3) recommending legislative changes to address those issues.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill's requirements can be handled using existing budgeted resources. Revenues are not affected.

**Local Effect:** The bill does not directly affect local government operations or finances.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Chapter 358 of 2015 established MCC. 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 is staffed by the University of Maryland, Global Campus, and its 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.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

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