

# SENATE BILL 1036

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By: **Senator Hester**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Emergency Management Agency – Cybersecurity Coordination and**  
3 **Operations Office – Establishment**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Cybersecurity Coordination and Operations Office  
5 within the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA); providing for the  
6 purpose of the Office; requiring the Director of MEMA to appoint an Executive  
7 Director as head of the Office; requiring the Office to be provided with sufficient staff  
8 to perform the Office's functions; requiring the Office to establish regional assistance  
9 groups to deliver or coordinate support services to political subdivisions, agencies, or  
10 regions in accordance with certain requirements; authorizing the Office to hire or  
11 procure regional coordinators; requiring a certain report annually; defining certain  
12 terms; altering a certain definition; making technical changes; and generally relating  
13 to the establishment of the Cybersecurity Coordination and Operations Office within  
14 MEMA.

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
16 Article – Public Safety  
17 Section 14–101(a)  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
21 Article – Public Safety  
22 Section 14–101(c)

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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.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland  
2 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

3 BY adding to  
4 Article – Public Safety  
5 Section 14–104.1  
6 Annotated Code of Maryland  
7 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

8 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
9 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

10 **Article – Public Safety**

11 14–101.

12 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

13 (c) “Emergency” means the threat or occurrence of:

14 (1) a hurricane, A tornado, A storm, A flood, high water, wind–driven water,  
15 A tidal wave, AN earthquake, A landslide, A mudslide, A snowstorm, A drought, A fire, AN  
16 explosion, and any other disaster in any part of the State that requires State assistance to  
17 supplement local efforts in order to save lives and protect public health and safety; or

18 (2) an enemy attack, AN act of terrorism, A CYBERSECURITY ATTACK, or  
19 A public health catastrophe.

20 **14–104.1.**

21 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**  
22 **INDICATED.**

23 **(2) “OFFICE” MEANS THE CYBERSECURITY COORDINATION AND**  
24 **OPERATIONS OFFICE ESTABLISHED WITHIN MEMA.**

25 **(3) “REGION” MEANS A COLLECTION OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.**

26 **(B) THERE IS A CYBERSECURITY COORDINATION AND OPERATIONS**  
27 **OFFICE WITHIN MEMA.**

28 **(C) THE PURPOSE OF THE OFFICE IS TO:**

29 **(1) IMPROVE LOCAL, REGIONAL, AND STATEWIDE CYBERSECURITY**  
30 **READINESS AND RESPONSE;**

1           **(2) ASSIST POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, SCHOOL BOARDS, AND**  
2 **AGENCIES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF CYBERSECURITY DISRUPTION PLANS;**

3           **(3) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION**  
4 **TECHNOLOGY, COORDINATE WITH POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, LOCAL AGENCIES,**  
5 **AND STATE AGENCIES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CYBERSECURITY BEST**  
6 **PRACTICES;**

7           **(4) COORDINATE WITH POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND AGENCIES ON**  
8 **THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY'S**  
9 **STATEWIDE MASTER PLAN DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 3A, SUBTITLE**  
10 **3 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE; AND**

11           **(5) CONSULT WITH THE STATE CHIEF INFORMATION SECURITY**  
12 **OFFICER AND THE SECRETARY OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO CONNECT**  
13 **POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND AGENCIES TO THE APPROPRIATE RESOURCES FOR**  
14 **ANY OTHER PURPOSE RELATED TO CYBERSECURITY READINESS AND RESPONSE.**

15           **(D) (1) THE HEAD OF THE OFFICE IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WHO**  
16 **SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR.**

17           **(2) THE OFFICE SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH SUFFICIENT STAFF TO**  
18 **PERFORM THE FUNCTIONS OF THE OFFICE.**

19           **(E) (1) THE OFFICE SHALL ESTABLISH REGIONAL ASSISTANCE GROUPS**  
20 **TO DELIVER OR COORDINATE SUPPORT SERVICES TO POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS,**  
21 **AGENCIES, OR REGIONS.**

22           **(2) THE OFFICE MAY HIRE OR PROCURE REGIONAL COORDINATORS**  
23 **TO DELIVER OR COORDINATE THE SERVICES UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS**  
24 **SUBSECTION.**

25           **(3) THE OFFICE SHALL PROVIDE OR COORDINATE SUPPORT**  
26 **SERVICES UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION THAT INCLUDE:**

27           **(I) CONNECTING MULTIPLE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND**  
28 **AGENCIES WITH EACH OTHER TO SHARE BEST PRACTICES OR OTHER INFORMATION**  
29 **TO INCREASE READINESS OR RESPONSE EFFECTIVENESS;**

30           **(II) PROVIDING TECHNICAL SERVICES FOR THE**  
31 **IMPLEMENTATION OF CYBERSECURITY BEST PRACTICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH**  
32 **SUBSECTION (C)(3) OF THIS SECTION;**

1 (III) COMPLETING CYBERSECURITY RISK ASSESSMENTS;

2 (IV) DEVELOPING CYBERSCORECARDS AND REPORTS ON  
3 REGIONAL READINESS;

4 (V) CREATING AND UPDATING CYBER DISRUPTION PLANS IN  
5 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (C)(2) OF THIS SECTION; AND

6 (VI) CONDUCTING REGIONAL EXERCISES IN COORDINATION  
7 WITH THE NATIONAL GUARD, MEMA, THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION  
8 TECHNOLOGY, LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGERS, AND OTHER STATE AND LOCAL  
9 ENTITIES.

10 (F) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, THE OFFICE SHALL REPORT  
11 TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE  
12 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE  
13 OFFICE.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
15 October 1, 2020.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.