

# HOUSE BILL 376

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By: **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee**

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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Cybersecurity Council – Membership – Alterations**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the membership, selection of the membership, and chair of the  
4 Maryland Cybersecurity Council; and generally relating to Maryland Cybersecurity  
5 Council membership.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
7 Article – State Government  
8 Section 9–2901(b)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – State Government  
13 Section 9–2901(c) and (f)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

16 BY repealing  
17 Article – State Government  
18 Section 9–2901(g)  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

21 BY adding to

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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 Article – State Government  
 2 Section 9–2901(g)  
 3 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 4 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

7 **Article – State Government**

8 9–2901.

9 (b) There is a Maryland Cybersecurity Council.

10 (c) The Council consists of the following members:

- 11 (1) the Attorney General, or the Attorney General’s designee;
- 12 (2) the Secretary of Information Technology, or the Secretary’s designee;
- 13 (3) the Secretary of State Police, or the Secretary’s designee;
- 14 (4) the Secretary of Commerce, or the Secretary’s designee;
- 15 (5) the Adjutant General, or the Adjutant General’s designee;
- 16 (6) the State Administrator of Elections, or the State Administrator’s  
 17 designee;
- 18 (7) the Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security,  
 19 or the Executive Director’s designee;
- 20 (8) the Director of the Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center, or the  
 21 Director’s designee;
- 22 (9) the Secretary of Emergency Management, or the Secretary’s designee;
- 23 (10) the Chief Executive Officer of the Maryland Technology Development  
 24 Corporation, or the Chief Executive Officer’s designee;
- 25 (11) the Chair of the Tech Council of Maryland, or the Chair’s designee;
- 26 **(12) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CYBERSECURITY**  
 27 **ASSOCIATION, INC., OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S DESIGNEE;**
- 28 ~~(12)~~ **(13)** the President of the Fort Meade Alliance, or the President’s  
 29 designee;

1           ~~(13)~~ **(14)**     the President of the Army Alliance, or the President's designee;  
2 and

3           ~~(14)~~ **(15)**     the following members appointed by the [Attorney General]  
4 **GOVERNOR:**

5                     (i)     five representatives of cybersecurity companies located in the  
6 State, with at least three representing cybersecurity companies with 50 or fewer employees;

7                     (ii)    four representatives from statewide or regional business  
8 associations;

9                     (iii)   up to ten representatives from institutions of higher education  
10 located in the State;

11                    (iv)    one representative of a crime victims organization;

12                    (v)     four representatives from industries that may be susceptible to  
13 attacks on cybersecurity, including at least one representative of a bank, whether or not  
14 State-chartered, that has a branch in the State;

15                    (vi)    two representatives of organizations that have expertise in  
16 electronic health care records; and

17                    (vii)   any other stakeholder that the [Attorney General] **GOVERNOR**  
18 determines appropriate.

19           (f)     The [Attorney General] **GOVERNOR** also shall invite, as appropriate, the  
20 following representatives of federal agencies to serve on the Council:

21                    (1)     the Director of the National Security Agency, or the Director's designee;

22                    (2)     the Secretary of Homeland Security, or the Secretary's designee;

23                    (3)     the Director of the Defense Information Systems Agency, or the  
24 Director's designee;

25                    (4)     the Director of the Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity, or  
26 the Director's designee; and

27                    (5)     any other federal agency that the Attorney General determines  
28 appropriate.

29           (g)     The Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee, shall chair the  
30 Council.]

1 (G) BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025, AND EVERY 2 YEARS THEREAFTER, THE  
2 COUNCIL SHALL ELECT A CHAIR FROM AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
4 October 1, 2025.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.