

# SENATE BILL 294

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By: **Senator Feldman**

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

3 FOR the purpose of altering the selection of the membership and chair of the Maryland  
4 Cybersecurity Council; and generally relating to Maryland Cybersecurity Council  
5 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  
22 Article – State Government  
23 Section 9–2901(g)  
24 Annotated Code of Maryland  
25 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – State Government**

4 9–2901.

5 (b) There is a Maryland Cybersecurity Council.

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

7 (1) the Attorney General, or the Attorney General’s designee;

8 (2) the Secretary of Information Technology, or the Secretary’s designee;

9 (3) the Secretary of State Police, or the Secretary’s designee;

10 (4) the Secretary of Commerce, or the Secretary’s designee;

11 (5) the Adjutant General, or the Adjutant General’s designee;

12 (6) the State Administrator of Elections, or the State Administrator’s  
13 designee;

14 (7) the Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security,  
15 or the Executive Director’s designee;

16 (8) the Director of the Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center, or the  
17 Director’s designee;

18 (9) the Secretary of Emergency Management, or the Secretary’s designee;

19 (10) the Chief Executive Officer of the Maryland Technology Development  
20 Corporation, or the Chief Executive Officer’s designee;

21 (11) the Chair of the Tech Council of Maryland, or the Chair’s designee;

22 (12) the President of the Fort Meade Alliance, or the President’s designee;

23 (13) the President of the Army Alliance, or the President’s designee; and

24 (14) the following members appointed by the [Attorney General]

25 **GOVERNOR:**

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

1 (ii) four representatives from statewide or regional business  
2 associations;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 (5) any other federal agency that the Attorney General determines  
22 appropriate.

23 [(g) The Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee, shall chair the  
24 Council.]

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

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