

**Department of Legislative Services**  
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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**First Reader**

House Bill 376 (Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee)  
Health and Government Operations

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**Maryland Cybersecurity Council - Membership - Alterations**

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This bill requires the Governor, instead of the Attorney General, to (1) appoint various members of the Maryland Cybersecurity Council (MCC) and (2) invite, as appropriate, representatives from specified federal agencies to serve on the council. Additionally, instead of the Attorney General or the Attorney General’s designee serving as the chair of MCC, beginning October 1, 2025, and every two years thereafter, the council must elect a chair from among the members of the council.

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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:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** MCC must 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 cybersecurity issues. The council’s responsibilities include (1) assisting specified infrastructure entities in complying with federal cybersecurity guidance; (2) examining inconsistencies between State and federal cybersecurity laws; (3) assisting private-sector cybersecurity businesses in adopting, adapting, and implementing the NIST cybersecurity framework of standards and practices; and (4) recommending legislative changes to address cybersecurity issues.

MCC is chaired by the Attorney General's designee, is staffed by the University of Maryland Global Campus, and consists of various representatives from State agencies, members of the General Assembly, and members appointed by the Attorney General. Additionally, the Attorney General must invite, as appropriate, representatives from specified federal agencies to serve on the council.

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### **Additional Information**

**Recent Prior Introductions:** Similar legislation has not been introduced withing the last three years.

**Designated Cross File:** SB 294 (Senator Feldman) - Education, Energy, and the Environment.

**Information Source(s):** Department of Information Technology; Governor's Office; Maryland Department of Emergency Management; Office of the Attorney General; Department of Legislative Services

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