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To: Technology

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 2698

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE CYBER SECURITY REVIEW BOARD; TO
2 STIPULATE THAT THE BOARD SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING A
3 COLLABORATIVE EFFORT TO ADDRESS CYBERSECURITY THREATS TO THE STATE
4 OF MISSISSIPPI; TO NAME THE VOTING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD; TO NAME
5 THE EX OFFICIO NONVOTING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD; TO ALLOW THE VOTING
6 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD TO ADD EX OFFICIO NONVOTING MEMBERS OF THE
7 BOARD AS NECESSARY; TO ALLOW THE BOARD TO ADOPT RULES WHICH GOVERN
8 THE TIME AND PLACE OF MEETINGS ACCORDING TO CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS;
9 TO REQUIRE THE BOARD TO PRODUCE A CYBERSECURITY REPORT AND PRESENT
10 IT TO THE GOVERNOR, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
11 REPRESENTATIVES, AND CHAIRMEN OF TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEES OF THE
12 MISSISSIPPI SENATE AND THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES;
13 TO REQUIRE THE BOARD TO CREATE A LIST OF BEST CYBERSECURITY
14 PRACTICES FOR DISTRIBUTION; TO CREATE THE CYBER SECURITY REVIEW
15 BOARD FUND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

17 **SECTION 1.** There is hereby created the "Cyber Security
18 Review Board," which shall be responsible for ensuring a
19 collaborative effort is made to address the cybersecurity threat
20 posed to the State of Mississippi. Responsibilities of the board
21 include creating a system of reporting cybersecurity attacks
22 within the state, researching and implementing best practices to
23 mitigate cybersecurity risks, and connecting individuals and
24 entities with federal and industry partners.



25 **SECTION 2.** The Cyber Security Review Board, hereafter
26 referred to as the "board," shall consist of the following seven
27 (7) members:

28 (a) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Office of
29 Homeland Security, or his or her designee, as chairman of the
30 board;

31 (b) The Executive Director of the Mississippi
32 Department of Information Technology Services, or his or her
33 designee, as vice chairman of the board;

34 (c) The Commissioner of the Department of Public
35 Safety, or his or her designee;

36 (d) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Emergency
37 Management Agency, or his or her designee;

38 (e) The Adjutant General of the Mississippi National
39 Guard, or his or her designee;

40 (f) The State Superintendent of Education, as appointed
41 by the Mississippi Board of Education, or his or her designee; and

42 (g) The Attorney General of Mississippi, or his or her
43 designee.

44 **SECTION 3.** (1) Ex officio nonvoting members of the board
45 include:

46 (a) The President of the Mississippi Municipal League,
47 or his or her designee;

48 (b) The Executive Director of the Mississippi
49 Association of Supervisors staff, or his or her designee; and



50 (c) The Chairmen of the Technology Committees of the
51 Mississippi Senate and the Mississippi House of Representatives,
52 or their designees.

53 (2) The voting members of the Cyber Security Review Board
54 may vote to expand the board with additional ex officio nonvoting
55 members deemed necessary to provide expertise or access to
56 resources involving cybersecurity.

57 **SECTION 4.** Within forty-five (45) days of passage of this
58 act, the Executive Director of the Mississippi Office of Homeland
59 Security shall call a meeting of the board. The board shall adopt
60 rules which govern the time of meetings, place of meetings, and
61 the manner of conducting the business of the board. The board
62 shall meet at least monthly and select one (1) of the ex officio
63 nonvoting members of the board to serve as secretary, whose role
64 it shall be to maintain minutes of each meeting of the board.
65 After the conclusion of each meeting, the board shall send the
66 minutes of the meeting to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and
67 the Chairmen of the Technology Committees of the Mississippi
68 Senate and the Mississippi House of Representatives.

69 A quorum shall be a majority of the voting members of the
70 board.

71 After twelve (12) consecutive monthly meetings, the board may
72 vote to meet less frequently; however, the board shall meet at
73 least once quarterly.



74 **SECTION 5.** The board shall produce a statewide cybersecurity
75 report, which shall be presented to the Governor, Lieutenant
76 Governor, Speaker of the House, and the Chairmen of the Technology
77 Committees of the Mississippi Senate and Mississippi House of
78 Representatives by December 15 each year. The board shall also
79 develop a list of best practices in cybersecurity to disburse
80 throughout the state to various parties as deemed necessary by the
81 board.

82 **SECTION 6.** (1) There is created in the State Treasury a
83 special fund to be known as the "Cyber Security Review Board
84 Fund." Any funds which may be needed for administrative and
85 travel expenses shall be deposited in this special fund by the
86 Department of Public Safety from the department's regular support
87 appropriation. The Cyber Security Review Board Fund is a special
88 trust fund, and the interest earned thereon shall be credited to
89 the fund.

90 (2) The Department of Public Safety shall adopt regulations
91 for the administration of the fund. The commissioner shall
92 administer the fund, and expenditures may be made from the fund
93 upon requisition by the commissioner. The department shall spend
94 monies in the fund by an annual appropriation approved by the
95 Legislature.

96 **SECTION 7.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
97 and after July 1, 2024.

