

HCS HB 1204 -- MISSOURI CYBERSECURITY ACT

SPONSOR: Hardwick

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Special Committee on Homeland Security by a vote of 9 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 12 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 1204.

This bill establishes within the Department of Public Safety, the "Missouri Cybersecurity Commission", with a purpose of identifying risk and vulnerability from cyber attacks of critical infrastructure in Missouri. The Commission shall consist of 8 members, with specific expertise and criteria outlined in the bill, to be appointed by the Governor, with at least one from each Congressional district and the state chief information officer. Representatives from the State Highway Patrol, National Guard, and the State Emergency Management Agency, will serve as ex-officio members. Details on the Commission's structure and duties are outlined in the bill, and the bill requires state agencies, public institutions of higher education, and public schools, to provide data as requested by the Commission. The Commission will present an annual report to the Governor by December 31st.

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say this bill will form a non-partisan commission focused on cyber security within government agencies to improve and adapt to the growing risk of cyber attacks. Cyber security is often something that is seen as out of sight out of mind until it is too late and this bill is a forward thinking way to help mitigate the risk.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Hardwick and Fortinet.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.