

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 67

BY REPRESENTATIVE FOIL

COMMERCIAL REGULATIONS: Requests La. Economic Development to study cybersecurity issues faced by businesses in compliance with the Cybersecurity Framework Standards promulgated by the National Institute of Standards and Technology

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request Louisiana Economic Development, in cooperation with the Louisiana
3 Association of Business and Industry, to create a task force to study and conduct a
4 beta test that is composed of volunteer representatives from private businesses that
5 are domiciled and licensed to conduct business in the state of Louisiana, to determine
6 the cost, resources, and time required for varying sizes of businesses to adhere to the
7 Cybersecurity Framework Standards promulgated by the National Institute of
8 Standards and Technology, and to provide a written report of its findings and
9 recommendations and a proposed budget to the House Committee on Commerce; the
10 Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs;
11 the House Committee on Ways and Means; and the Senate Committee on Revenue
12 and Fiscal Affairs no later than sixty days prior to the convening of the 2020 Regular
13 Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

14 WHEREAS, cybersecurity breaches are increasing in frequency, with criminals
15 routinely targeting businesses; and

16 WHEREAS, the state consistently contracts with local businesses to provide goods
17 and services; and

18 WHEREAS, cyber-related attacks not only occur directly against a host's network,
19 but also through service providers that find alternative entrances through a third party; and

1 WHEREAS, to protect the integrity of its own information systems and networks,
2 the state must be assured that vendors with which it does business take the necessary steps
3 to do the same; and

4 WHEREAS, the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2014 formalized the role of the
5 National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and empowered the United States
6 secretary of commerce, through the director of NIST, to develop a voluntary Cybersecurity
7 Framework; and

8 WHEREAS, in 2014, the NIST drafted a Cybersecurity Framework which provides
9 a policy framework of computer security consisting of standards, guidelines, and best
10 practices to manage cybersecurity-related risks by focusing on five core functions: identify,
11 protect, detect, respond, recover; and

12 WHEREAS, the Cybersecurity Framework further includes a self-assessment tool
13 for businesses to use to discover vulnerabilities and prioritize cybersecurity objectives; and

14 WHEREAS, the Cybersecurity Framework was drafted in plain language to enable
15 it to be a more cost-effective protocol; and

16 WHEREAS, many businesses are either unaware of cybersecurity risks or of the
17 benefits of the NIST Cybersecurity Framework, or both; and

18 WHEREAS, businesses that are aware of cybersecurity risks often fear the cost of
19 implementing the Cybersecurity Framework, placing both the business and its partners at
20 risk; and

21 WHEREAS, the use of the Cybersecurity Framework is not presently mandated as
22 private businesses and industry may require financial incentive for its adoption and use.

23 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
24 urge and request Louisiana Economic Development, in cooperation with the Louisiana
25 Association of Business and Industry, to create a task force to study and conduct a beta test
26 that is composed of volunteer representatives from private businesses that are domiciled and
27 licensed to conduct business in the state of Louisiana, and to determine the cost, resources,
28 and time required for varying sizes of businesses to adhere to the Cybersecurity Framework
29 Standards promulgated by the NIST.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be composed of the
2 following members:

3 (1) The chairman of the House Committee on Commerce.

4 (2) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and
5 International Affairs.

6 (3) The chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means.

7 (4) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs.

8 (5) The executive director of the Stephenson Disaster Management Institute of
9 Louisiana State University or his designee.

10 (6) The president of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry or his
11 designee.

12 (7) The director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency
13 Preparedness or his designee.

14 (8) The director of the Louisiana State Analytical and Fusion Exchange or his
15 designee.

16 (9) The director of business intelligence at Louisiana Economic Development.

17 (10) A representative from the Louisiana Business Emergency Operations Center,
18 appointed by the director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency
19 Preparedness, or his designee.

20 (11) The president of the Louisiana Chemical Association or his designee.

21 (12) The president of the Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association or his
22 designee.

23 (13) The president of the Baton Rouge Area Chamber or his designee.

24 (14) The executive director of the Cyber Innovation Center or his designee.

25 (15) The director of the Louisiana Small Business Development Center or his
26 designee.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the director of business intelligence at Louisiana
28 Economic Development and the president of the Louisiana Association of Business and
29 Industry shall be jointly responsible for designating, delegating, and managing the duties of
30 the task force, and shall convene the first meeting of the task force no later than August 1,

1 2019, at which time the task force shall adopt rules of procedure, a work and planning
2 schedule, and develop any additional measures that it deems necessary for the timely
3 performance of its duties, including the selection of officers.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force conduct a beta test, determine the
5 cost, resources, and time required for businesses to adhere to the Cybersecurity Framework
6 Standards, and provide a written report of its findings and recommendations, and a proposed
7 budget including a financial incentive plan to the House Committee on Commerce; the
8 Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs; the House
9 Committee on Ways and Means; and the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs
10 no later than sixty days prior to the convening of the 2020 Regular Session of the Legislature
11 of Louisiana.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
13 entities named in this Resolution to serve or be represented on the task force.

DIGEST

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Requests Louisiana Economic Development, with the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, to create a task force to study and conduct a beta test of the Cybersecurity Framework Standards promulgated by the NIST and to provide a written report of its findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Commerce; the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs; the House Committee on Ways and Means; and the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs no later than 60 days prior to the 2020 R.S.