

1 S.304

2 Introduced by Senators Brock, Benning, Collamore, Cummings, McNeil,

3 Pearson and Westman

4 Referred to Committee on

5 Date:

6 Subject: Information technology; cybersecurity; risk assessment; Auditor

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to create an  
8 Interbranch Cybersecurity Task Force to develop standards, best practices, and  
9 risk assessments for cybersecurity across State government. This bill also  
10 proposes to require the State Auditor to annually audit the Task Force's risk  
11 assessment.

12 An act relating to an Interbranch Cybersecurity Task Force

13 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

14 Sec. 1. 22 V.S.A. chapter 16 is added to read:

15 CHAPTER 16. INTERBRANCH CYBERSECURITY TASK FORCE

16 § 961. INTERBRANCH CYBERSECURITY TASK FORCE.

17 (a) Creation. There is created the Interbranch Cybersecurity Task Force to  
18 coordinate cybersecurity initiatives between the Executive, Legislative, and  
19 Judicial branches of State government.

1       (b) Membership. The Task Force shall be composed of the following  
2       members:

3               (1) the Secretary of Digital Services;

4               (2) the Director of Legislative Information Technology; and

5               (3) the Chief Information Officer for the Judiciary.

6       (c) Powers and duties. The Committee shall study issues related to  
7       cybersecurity and shall be responsible for developing the following:

8               (1) cybersecurity standards and best practices across all three branches  
9       of State government; and

10              (2) a statewide risk assessment for cybersecurity, which shall be updated  
11       annually.

12       § 962. ANNUAL RISK ASSESSMENT AUDIT.

13              Annually on or before January 15, the State Auditor of Accounts shall  
14       conduct a performance audit of the statewide risk assessment created by the  
15       Interbranch Cybersecurity Task Force.

16       Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

17              This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.