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**A BILL**

To enact section 3501.054 of the Revised Code to 1  
establish a Director of Elections Cybersecurity 2  
and an Elections Cybersecurity Council to advise 3  
the Secretary of State on securing Ohio's 4  
elections and preventing future threats. 5

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 3501.054 of the Revised Code be 6  
enacted to read as follows: 7

**Sec. 3501.054.** The secretary of state shall do both of the 8  
following: 9

(A) Appoint a director of elections cybersecurity to 10  
advise the secretary of state on matters of election 11  
cybersecurity; 12

(B) (1) Establish an independent elections cybersecurity 13  
council to advise, consult with, or otherwise assist the 14  
director. The council shall be made up of the following members: 15

(a) At least one member shall be a current election 16  
official from the same political party as the secretary of 17

<u>state;</u>	18
<u>(b) At least one member shall be a current election</u>	19
<u>official from the major political party of which the secretary</u>	20
<u>of state is not a member;</u>	21
<u>(c) At least one member shall have an academic background</u>	22
<u>in the area of elections;</u>	23
<u>(d) At least one member shall have a background in law</u>	24
<u>enforcement;</u>	25
<u>(e) At least one member shall have a background in</u>	26
<u>information technology systems, either in the private or public</u>	27
<u>sector.</u>	28
<u>(2) The council shall submit a biannual report to the</u>	29
<u>secretary of state containing the following:</u>	30
<u>(a) Best practices to secure the safety and privacy of the</u>	31
<u>online voter registration system, and a voting machine, marking</u>	32
<u>device, or automatic tabulating equipment;</u>	33
<u>(b) Potential weaknesses and opportunities, identified by</u>	34
<u>examining all entities that interact with the online voter</u>	35
<u>registration database, and a voting machine, marking device, or</u>	36
<u>automatic tabulating equipment, that make the database,</u>	37
<u>machines, devices, or equipment susceptible to electronic</u>	38
<u>threats and attacks;</u>	39
<u>(c) Information on what other states and the federal</u>	40
<u>government are doing to prepare for threats and attacks to the</u>	41
<u>security and privacy of an election.</u>	42