

~~(v) The Department of Transportation, appointed by the Secretary of Transportation; and~~

~~(vi) The Department of State Police, appointed by the Secretary of the State Police;~~

~~(4) One representative of the Judicial Branch, appointed by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals;~~

~~(5) Four members of the general public with significant information technology or electronic commerce experience, appointed by the Governor; and~~

~~(6) Four representatives from companies or associations with expertise in information technology or electronic commerce, appointed by the Governor.~~

~~(c) The Governor shall designate the chairman of the Task Force.~~

~~(d) The Task Force shall be staffed by personnel from the Department of Budget and Management.~~

~~(e) The Task Force shall complete a comprehensive study of all existing State laws and policies concerning the collection, distribution, and privacy of personal information by technological means by units of State government and private entities, including disclosures in consumer electronic commerce transactions. The Task Force shall make recommendations for enhancing and developing State laws and policies concerning the protection of the privacy of personal information by technological means, including legislative proposals if appropriate.~~

~~(f) In carrying out its duties, the Task Force shall identify and study:~~

~~(1) State statutes, regulations, policies, and executive orders concerning the collection, distribution, and privacy of personal information by technological means;~~

~~(2) Policies and practices in the private sector concerning the collection, distribution, and privacy of personal information by technological means, including disclosures in consumer electronic commerce transactions;~~

~~(3) Comparable laws and policies in other states and the federal government; and~~

~~(4) Proposals to impose or strengthen these types of laws.~~

~~(g) The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on or before September 30, 2002.~~

SECTION 3. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2001. Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of September 30, 2002, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 2 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 15, 2001.