

Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability

CS/CS/CS/HB 1555 — Cybersecurity

by Commerce Committee; State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee; Energy, Communications & Cybersecurity Subcommittee; and Rep. Giallombardo and others (CS/CS/CS/SB 1662 by Appropriations Committee; Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee; and Senator Collins)

The bill expands upon the mission and goals of the Florida Center for Cybersecurity, housed within the University of South Florida, by:

- Establishing as its primary emphasis, (a) the advancement and funding of education; and (b) research and development of cybersecurity initiatives; and, as its secondary emphasis, (a) community engagement, and (b) cybersecurity awareness.
- Clarifying that its mission and goal to attract cybersecurity companies to Florida includes the goal to attract related jobs.
- Adding to its goals the performance, funding, and facilitation of research and applied science that leads to the creation of new technology and software that has both military and civilian applications.
- Allowing the Center, at the Department of Management Services' or Florida Digital Service's request, to conduct, consult on, or otherwise assist any state-funded initiative that relates to:
 - Cybersecurity training, professional development, and education for state and local government employees; and
 - Increasing the cybersecurity effectiveness of Florida's and its local governments' technology platforms and infrastructure.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2024.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 112-0