

By the Committee on Commerce and Tourism; and Senator Thrasher

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to security of confidential personal  
3       information; providing a short title; repealing s.  
4       817.5681, F.S., relating to a breach of security  
5       concerning confidential personal information in third-  
6       party possession; creating s. 501.171, F.S.; providing  
7       definitions; requiring specified entities to take  
8       reasonable measures to protect and secure data  
9       containing personal information in electronic form;  
10      requiring specified entities to notify the Department  
11      of Legal Affairs of data security breaches; requiring  
12      notice to individuals of data security breaches under  
13      certain circumstances; providing exceptions to notice  
14      requirements under certain circumstances; specifying  
15      contents and methods of notice; requiring notice to  
16      credit reporting agencies under certain circumstances;  
17      requiring the department to report annually to the  
18      Legislature; specifying report requirements; providing  
19      requirements for disposal of customer records;  
20      providing for enforcement actions by the department;  
21      providing civil penalties; specifying that no private  
22      cause of action is created; amending ss. 282.0041 and  
23      282.318, F.S.; conforming cross-references to changes  
24      made by the act; providing an effective date.

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26   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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28       Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Florida  
29       Information Protection Act of 2014."

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30 Section 2. Section 817.5681, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

31 Section 3. Section 501.171, Florida Statutes, is created to  
32 read:

33 501.171 Security of confidential personal information.—

34 (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

35 (a) "Breach of security" or "breach" means unauthorized  
36 access of data in electronic form containing personal  
37 information. Good faith access of personal information by an  
38 employee or agent of a covered entity does not constitute a  
39 breach of security, provided that the information is not used  
40 for a purpose unrelated to the business or subject to further  
41 unauthorized use.

42 (b) "Covered entity" means a sole proprietorship,  
43 partnership, corporation, trust, estate, cooperative,  
44 association, or other commercial entity that acquires,  
45 maintains, stores, or uses personal information. For purposes of  
46 the notice requirements in subsections (3)-(6), the term  
47 includes a governmental entity.

48 (c) "Customer records" means any material, regardless of  
49 the physical form, on which personal information is recorded or  
50 preserved by any means, including, but not limited to, written  
51 or spoken words, graphically depicted, printed, or  
52 electromagnetically transmitted that are provided by an  
53 individual in this state to a covered entity for the purpose of  
54 purchasing or leasing a product or obtaining a service.

55 (d) "Data in electronic form" means any data stored  
56 electronically or digitally on any computer system or other  
57 database and includes recordable tapes and other mass storage  
58 devices.

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59 (e) "Department" means the Department of Legal Affairs.

60 (f) "Governmental entity" means any department, division,  
61 bureau, commission, regional planning agency, board, district,  
62 authority, agency, or other instrumentality of this state that  
63 acquires, maintains, stores, or uses data in electronic form  
64 containing personal information.

65 (g)1. "Personal information" means either of the following:

66 a. An individual's first name or first initial and last  
67 name in combination with any one or more of the following data  
68 elements for that individual:

69 (I) A social security number.

70 (II) A driver license or identification card number,  
71 passport number, military identification number, or other  
72 similar number issued on a government document used to verify  
73 identity.

74 (III) A financial account number or credit or debit card  
75 number, in combination with any required security code, access  
76 code, or password that is necessary to permit access to an  
77 individual's financial account.

78 (IV) Any information regarding an individual's medical  
79 history, mental or physical condition, or medical treatment or  
80 diagnosis by a health care professional; or

81 (V) An individual's health insurance policy number or  
82 subscriber identification number and any unique identifier used  
83 by a health insurer to identify the individual.

84 b. A user name or e-mail address, in combination with a  
85 password or security question and answer that would permit  
86 access to an online account.

87 2. The term does not include information about an

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88 individual that has been made publicly available by a federal,  
89 state, or local governmental entity or information that is  
90 encrypted, secured, or modified by any other method or  
91 technology that removes elements that personally identify an  
92 individual or that otherwise renders the information unusable.

93 (h) "Third-party agent" means an entity that has been  
94 contracted to maintain, store, or process personal information  
95 on behalf of a covered entity or governmental entity.

96 (2) REQUIREMENTS FOR DATA SECURITY.—Each covered entity,  
97 governmental entity, or third-party agent shall take reasonable  
98 measures to protect and secure data in electronic form  
99 containing personal information.

100 (3) NOTICE TO DEPARTMENT OF SECURITY BREACH.—

101 (a) A covered entity shall give notice to the department of  
102 any breach of security, as expeditiously as practicable, but no  
103 later than 30 days after the determination of the breach or  
104 reason to believe a breach had occurred.

105 (b) The written notice to the department must include:

106 1. A synopsis of the events surrounding the breach.

107 2. The number of individuals in this state who were or  
108 potentially have been affected by the breach.

109 3. Any services related to the breach being offered,  
110 without charge, by the covered entity to individuals, and  
111 instructions as to how to use such services.

112 4. A copy of the notice required under subsection (4) or an  
113 explanation of the other actions taken pursuant to subsection  
114 (4).

115 5. The name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address  
116 of the employee of the covered entity from whom additional

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117 information may be obtained about the breach, and the steps  
118 taken to rectify the breach and prevent similar breaches.

119 (c) The covered entity must provide the following  
120 information to the department upon its request:

121 1. A police report, incident report, or computer forensics  
122 report.

123 2. A copy of the policies in place regarding breaches.

124 3. Any steps that have been taken to rectify the breach.

125 (d) For a covered entity that is the judicial branch, the  
126 Executive Office of the Governor, the Department of Financial  
127 Services, or the Department of Agriculture and Consumer  
128 Services, in lieu of providing the written notice to the  
129 department, the covered entity may post the information  
130 described in subparagraphs (b)1.-4. on an agency-managed  
131 website.

132 (4) NOTICE TO INDIVIDUALS OF SECURITY BREACH.—

133 (a) A covered entity shall give notice to each individual  
134 in this state whose personal information was, or the covered  
135 entity reasonably believes to have been, accessed as a result of  
136 the breach. Notice to individuals shall be made as expeditiously  
137 as practicable and without unreasonable delay, taking into  
138 account the time necessary to allow the covered entity to  
139 determine the scope of the breach of security, to identify  
140 individuals affected by the breach, and to restore the  
141 reasonable integrity of the data system that was breached, but  
142 no later than 30 days after the determination of a breach unless  
143 subject to a delay authorized under paragraph (b) or waiver  
144 under paragraph (c).

145 (b) If a federal, state, or local law enforcement agency

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146 determines that notice to individuals required under this  
147 subsection would interfere with a criminal investigation, the  
148 notice shall be delayed upon the written request of the law  
149 enforcement agency for a specified period that the law  
150 enforcement agency determines is reasonably necessary. A law  
151 enforcement agency may, by a subsequent written request, revoke  
152 such delay as of a specified date or extend the period set forth  
153 in the original request made under this paragraph to a specified  
154 date if further delay is necessary.

155 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), notice to the affected  
156 individuals is not required if, after an appropriate  
157 investigation and consultation with relevant federal, state, and  
158 local law enforcement agencies, the covered entity reasonably  
159 determines that the breach has not and will not likely result in  
160 identity theft or any other financial harm to the individuals  
161 whose personal information has been accessed. Such a  
162 determination must be documented in writing and maintained for  
163 at least 5 years. The covered entity shall provide the written  
164 determination to the department within 30 days after the  
165 determination.

166 (d) The notice to an affected individual shall be by one of  
167 the following methods:

168 1. Written notice sent to the mailing address of the  
169 individual in the records of the covered entity; or

170 2. E-mail notice sent to the e-mail address of the  
171 individual in the records of the covered entity.

172 (e) The notice to an individual with respect to a breach of  
173 security shall include, at a minimum:

174 1. The date, estimated date, or estimated date range of the

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175 breach of security.

176 2. A description of the personal information that was  
177 accessed or reasonably believed to have been accessed as a part  
178 of the breach of security.

179 3. Information that the individual can use to contact the  
180 covered entity to inquire about the breach of security and the  
181 personal information that the covered entity maintained about  
182 the individual.

183 (f) A covered entity required to provide notice to an  
184 individual may provide substitute notice in lieu of direct  
185 notice if such direct notice is not feasible because the cost of  
186 providing notice would exceed \$250,000, because the affected  
187 individuals exceed 500,000 persons, or because the covered  
188 entity does not have an e-mail address or mailing address for  
189 the affected individuals. Such substitute notice shall include  
190 the following:

191 1. A conspicuous notice on the Internet website of the  
192 covered entity if the covered entity maintains a website; and

193 2. Notice in print and to broadcast media, including major  
194 media in urban and rural areas where the affected individuals  
195 reside.

196 (g) Notice provided pursuant to rules, regulations,  
197 procedures, or guidelines established by the covered entity's  
198 primary or functional federal regulator is deemed to be in  
199 compliance with the notice requirement in this subsection if the  
200 covered entity notifies individuals in accordance with any  
201 rules, regulations, procedures, or guidelines established by the  
202 primary or functional federal regulator in the event of a breach  
203 of security. Under this paragraph, the covered entity must

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204 provide notice to the department under subsection (3).

205 (5) NOTICE TO CREDIT REPORTING AGENCIES.—If a covered  
206 entity discovers circumstances requiring notice pursuant to this  
207 section of more than 1,000 individuals at a single time, the  
208 covered entity shall also notify, without unreasonable delay,  
209 all consumer reporting agencies that compile and maintain files  
210 on consumers on a nationwide basis, as defined in the Fair  
211 Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. s. 1681a(p), of the timing,  
212 distribution, and content of the notices.

213 (6) NOTICE BY THIRD-PARTY AGENTS; DUTIES OF THIRD-PARTY  
214 AGENTS.—In the event of a breach of security of a system  
215 maintained by a third-party agent, such third-party agent shall  
216 notify the covered entity of the breach of security as  
217 expeditiously as practicable, but no later than 10 days  
218 following the determination of the breach of security. Upon  
219 receiving notice from a third-party agent, a covered entity  
220 shall provide notices required under subsections (3) and (4). A  
221 third-party agent shall provide a covered entity with all  
222 information that the covered entity needs to comply with its  
223 notice requirements.

224 (7) ANNUAL REPORT.—By February 1 of each year, the  
225 department shall submit a report to the President of the Senate  
226 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives describing the  
227 nature of any reported breaches of security by governmental  
228 entities or third-party agents of governmental entities in the  
229 preceding calendar year along with recommendations for security  
230 improvements. The report shall identify any governmental entity  
231 that has violated any of the applicable requirements in  
232 subsections (2)-(6) in the preceding calendar year.

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233       (8) REQUIREMENTS FOR DISPOSAL OF CUSTOMER RECORDS.—Each  
234 covered entity or third-party agent shall take all reasonable  
235 measures to dispose, or arrange for the disposal, of customer  
236 records containing personal information within its custody or  
237 control when the records are no longer to be retained. Such  
238 disposal shall involve shredding, erasing, or otherwise  
239 modifying the personal information in the records to make it  
240 unreadable or undecipherable through any means.

241       (9) ENFORCEMENT.—

242       (a) A violation of this section shall be treated as an  
243 unfair or deceptive trade practice in any action brought by the  
244 department under s. 501.207 against a covered entity or third-  
245 party agent.

246       (b) In addition to the remedies provided for in paragraph  
247 (a), a covered entity that violates subsection (3) or subsection  
248 (4) shall be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed \$500,000,  
249 as follows:

250       1. In the amount of \$1,000 for each day up to the first 30  
251 days following any violation of subsection (3) or subsection (4)  
252 and, thereafter, \$50,000 for each subsequent 30-day period or  
253 portion thereof for up to 180 days.

254       2. If the violation continues for more than 180 days, in an  
255 amount not to exceed \$500,000.

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257 The civil penalties for failure to notify provided in this  
258 paragraph apply per breach and not per individual affected by  
259 the breach.

260       (c) All penalties collected pursuant to this subsection  
261 shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund.

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262       (10) NO PRIVATE CAUSE OF ACTION.—This section does not  
263 establish a private cause of action.

264       Section 4. Subsection (5) of section 282.0041, Florida  
265 Statutes, is amended to read:

266       282.0041 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

267       (5) "Breach" has the same meaning as the term "breach of  
268 security" as defined in s. 501.171 ~~in s. 817.5681(4)~~.

269       Section 5. Paragraph (i) of subsection (4) of section  
270 282.318, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

271       282.318 Enterprise security of data and information  
272 technology.—

273       (4) To assist the Agency for Enterprise Information  
274 Technology in carrying out its responsibilities, each agency  
275 head shall, at a minimum:

276       (i) Develop a process for detecting, reporting, and  
277 responding to suspected or confirmed security incidents,  
278 including suspected or confirmed breaches consistent with the  
279 security rules and guidelines established by the Agency for  
280 Enterprise Information Technology.

281       1. Suspected or confirmed information security incidents  
282 and breaches must be immediately reported to the Agency for  
283 Enterprise Information Technology.

284       2. For incidents involving breaches, agencies shall provide  
285 notice in accordance with s. 501.171 ~~s. 817.5681~~ and to the  
286 Agency for Enterprise Information Technology in accordance with  
287 this subsection.

288       Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.