

THE FLORIDA SENATE  
2026 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED  
**Committee on Commerce and Tourism**

**CS/CS/CS/HB 1081 — Cybersecurity Experiential Learning**

by Education & Employment Committee; Budget Committee; Careers & Workforce Subcommittee; and Rep. Sirois (CS/CS/SB 1266 by Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Commerce and Tourism Committee; and Senator Calatayud)

The bill requires the Florida Center for Cybersecurity (Cyber Florida) at the University of South Florida to develop a Cybersecurity Experiential Learning Program and:

- Identify specific cybersecurity internship and experiential learning opportunities;
- Consult with employers in the state with openings in cybersecurity roles;
- Review best practices for cybersecurity learning opportunities at other National Centers of Academic Excellence in Cybersecurity-designated educational institutions;
- Establish minimum qualifications that a student should possess prior to enrolling in the Cybersecurity Experiential Learning program; and
- Identify educational institutions seeking to participate in the program and the projected number of students to be served at each participating institution.

Implementation of the bill is subject to appropriation. Additionally, Cyber Florida must publish a report annually on its website, beginning July 1, 2028, containing specified data on the program and recommendations for program improvements.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect on July 1, 2026.

*Vote: Senate 38-0; House 112-0*