

Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability

CS/CS/HB 1085 — Local Government Cyber Security

by State Affairs Committee; Information Technology Budget & Policy Subcommittee; and Rep. Miller (CS/SB 576 by Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee and Senator Harrell)

The bill codifies the Local Government Cybersecurity Protection Program, which will be administered by the Florida Digital Service (FLDS), to provide information technology (IT) commodities and services to local government participants to develop and enhance their cybersecurity risk management programs consistent with s. 282.3185, F.S., and to assist local governments with mitigation and defense against cybersecurity threats, including ransomware incidents. The FLDS is permitted to apply for and accept any agency, department, or federal funds or grants in furtherance of the program.

The program will be administered based on objective eligibility and evaluation criteria and will prioritize fiscally constrained counties. The FLDS must award grants under the program by December 1 each year. A local government is permitted to purchase IT commodities from the program regardless of its participation in the grant program.

The FLDS must enter into a data-sharing agreement with a participating local government, as necessary, to support the detection, prevention, and response to cybersecurity incidents consistent with s. 282.318, F.S., the State Cybersecurity Act.

The FLDS must submit an annual report on the implementation and outcomes of the program to the Executive Office of Policy and Budget and the chairs of the legislative appropriations committees.

The program will repeal on October 2, 2031, unless reviewed and saved by the Legislature.

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 39-0; House 104-1