

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Senator Harrell

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to local government cybersecurity; creating s. 282.31855, F.S.; creating the Local Government Cybersecurity Protection Program within the Florida Digital Service; requiring the grant program to be administered by the Florida Digital Service; providing the purpose of the grant program; requiring the Florida Digital Service to enter into certain data-sharing agreements with local governments for a specified purpose; requiring the Florida Digital Service to administer the grant program based on specified criteria to provide information technology commodities and services to local governments for a specified purpose; requiring the Florida Digital Service to contract for information technology commodities and services and award such commodities and services to local governments; establishing preference for certain counties under the grant program; requiring grants to be annually awarded by a certain date; authorizing the Florida Digital Service to apply for and accept certain funds or grants; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 282.31855, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

282.31855 Local Government Cybersecurity Protection

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30 (1) The Local Government Cybersecurity Protection Program
31 is created within the Florida Digital Service, to be
32 administered by the Florida Digital Service. The purpose of the
33 grant program is to assist eligible local governments in
34 mitigating and defending against cybersecurity threats,
35 including, but not limited to, ransomware incidents.

36 (2) Under the grant program, the Florida Digital Service
37 shall enter into data-sharing agreements with local governments
38 as necessary to facilitate the collection, analysis, and
39 exchange of security-related information to support the
40 detection, prevention, and response to cybersecurity incidents
41 consistent with s. 282.318.

42 (3) (a) The Florida Digital Service shall administer the
43 grant program based on objective eligibility and evaluation
44 criteria to provide information technology commodities and
45 services directly to local governments for the purpose of
46 developing and enhancing cybersecurity risk management programs
47 consistent with s. 282.3185.

48 (b) The Florida Digital Service shall contract for
49 information technology commodities and services and shall award
50 such commodities and services to local governments eligible
51 under the grant program criteria.

52 (c) In awarding information technology commodities and
53 services, the Florida Digital Service shall give preference to
54 fiscally constrained counties as described in s. 218.67(1).

55 (d) Grants shall be awarded to eligible local governments
56 by October 1 of each year.

57 (4) The Florida Digital Service may apply for and accept
58 any funds or grants made available to it by any agency or

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59 department of the Federal Government to further the grant
60 program.

61 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.