

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 in  
13 certain circumstances; providing exceptions to notice  
14 requirements in certain circumstances; specifying  
15 contents of notice; requiring notice to credit  
16 reporting agencies in certain circumstances; requiring  
17 the department to report annually to the Legislature;  
18 specifying report requirements; providing requirements  
19 for disposal of customer records; providing for  
20 enforcement actions by the department; providing civil  
21 penalties; specifying that no private cause of action  
22 is created; amending ss. 282.0041 and 282.318, F.S.;  
23 conforming cross-references to changes made by the  
24 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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Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Florida Information Protection Act of 2014."

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 Section 817.5681, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

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

501.171 Security of confidential personal information.—

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

(a) "Breach of security" or "breach" means unauthorized access of data in electronic form containing personal information. Good faith access of personal information by an employee or agent of the covered entity does not constitute a breach of security if the information is not used for a purpose unrelated to the business or subject to further unauthorized use.

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

(c) "Customer records" means any material, regardless of the physical form, on which personal information is recorded or preserved by any means, including, but not limited to, written or spoken words, graphically depicted, printed, or

53 electromagnetically transmitted that are provided by an  
54 individual in this state to a covered entity for the purpose of  
55 purchasing or leasing a product or obtaining a service.

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

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

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

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

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

71 (I) A social security number.

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

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

79 individual's financial account.

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

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

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

89 2. The term does not include information about an  
 90 individual that has been made publicly available by a federal,  
 91 state, or local governmental entity and does not include  
 92 information that is encrypted, secured, or modified by any other  
 93 method or technology that removes elements that personally  
 94 identify an individual or that otherwise renders the information  
 95 unusable.

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

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

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

104 (a) A covered entity shall provide notice to the

105 department of any breach of security affecting 500 or more  
106 individuals in this state. Such notice must be provided to the  
107 department as expeditiously as practicable, but no later than 30  
108 days after the determination of the breach or reason to believe  
109 that a breach occurred. A covered entity may receive an  
110 additional 15 days to provide notice as required in subsection  
111 (4) if good cause for delay is provided in writing to the  
112 department within 30 days after determination of the breach or  
113 reason to believe that a breach occurred.

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

115 1. A synopsis of the events surrounding the breach at the  
116 time that notice is provided.

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

119 3. Any services related to the breach being offered or  
120 scheduled to be offered, without charge, by the covered entity  
121 to individuals, and instructions as to how to use such services.

122 4. A copy of the notice required under subsection (4) or  
123 an explanation of the other actions taken pursuant to subsection  
124 (4).

125 5. The name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address  
126 of the employee or agent of the covered entity from whom  
127 additional information may be obtained about the breach.

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

130 1. A police report, incident report, or computer forensics  
 131 report.

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

133 3. Steps that have been taken to rectify the breach.

134 (d) A covered entity may provide the department with  
 135 supplemental information regarding a breach at any time.

136 (e) For a covered entity that is the judicial branch, the  
 137 Executive Office of the Governor, the Department of Financial  
 138 Services, and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer  
 139 Services, in lieu of providing the written notice to the  
 140 department, the covered entity may post the information  
 141 described in subparagraphs (b)1.-4. on an agency-managed  
 142 website.

143 (4) NOTICE TO INDIVIDUALS OF SECURITY BREACH.-

144 (a) A covered entity shall give notice to each individual  
 145 in this state whose personal information was, or the covered  
 146 entity reasonably believes to have been, accessed as a result of  
 147 the breach. Notice to individuals shall be made as expeditiously  
 148 as practicable and without unreasonable delay, taking into  
 149 account the time necessary to allow the covered entity to  
 150 determine the scope of the breach of security, to identify  
 151 individuals affected by the breach, and to restore the  
 152 reasonable integrity of the data system that was breached, but  
 153 no later than 30 days after the determination of a breach or  
 154 reason to believe that a breach occurred unless subject to a  
 155 delay authorized under paragraph (b) or waiver under paragraph

156 (c).

157 (b) If a federal or state law enforcement agency  
158 determines that notice to individuals required under this  
159 subsection would interfere with a criminal investigation, the  
160 notice shall be delayed upon the written request of the law  
161 enforcement agency for a specified period that the law  
162 enforcement agency determines is reasonably necessary. A law  
163 enforcement agency may, by a subsequent written request, revoke  
164 such delay as of a specified date or extend the period set forth  
165 in the original request made under this paragraph to a specified  
166 date if further delay is necessary.

167 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), notice to the affected  
168 individuals is not required if, after an appropriate  
169 investigation and consultation with relevant federal, state, or  
170 local law enforcement agencies, the covered entity reasonably  
171 determines that the breach has not and will not likely result in  
172 identity theft or any other financial harm to the individuals  
173 whose personal information has been accessed. Such a  
174 determination must be documented in writing and maintained for  
175 at least 5 years. The covered entity shall provide the written  
176 determination to the department within 30 days after the  
177 determination.

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

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

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

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

186            1. The date, estimated date, or estimated date range of  
 187 the breach of security.

188            2. A description of the personal information that was  
 189 accessed or reasonably believed to have been accessed as a part  
 190 of the breach of security.

191            3. Information that the individual can use to contact the  
 192 covered entity to inquire about the breach of security and the  
 193 personal information that the covered entity maintained about  
 194 the individual.

195        (f) A covered entity required to provide notice to an  
 196 individual may provide substitute notice in lieu of direct  
 197 notice if such direct notice is not feasible because the cost of  
 198 providing notice would exceed \$250,000, because the affected  
 199 individuals exceed 500,000 persons, or because the covered  
 200 entity does not have an e-mail address or mailing address for  
 201 the affected individuals. Such substitute notice shall include  
 202 the following:

203            1. A conspicuous notice on the Internet website of the  
 204 covered entity, if such covered entity maintains a website; and

205            2. Notice in print and to broadcast media, including major  
 206 media in urban and rural areas where the affected individuals  
 207 reside.



208        (g) Notice provided pursuant to rules, regulations,  
209 procedures, or guidelines established by the covered entity's  
210 primary or functional federal regulator is deemed to comply with  
211 the notice requirement of this subsection if the covered entity  
212 notifies affected individuals in accordance with the rules,  
213 regulations, procedures, or guidelines established by the  
214 covered entity's primary or functional federal regulator in the  
215 event of a breach of security. Under this paragraph, a covered  
216 entity that timely provides a copy of such notice to the  
217 department is deemed to comply with the notice requirement of  
218 subsection (3).

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

227        (6) NOTICE BY THIRD-PARTY AGENTS; DUTIES OF THIRD-PARTY  
228 AGENTS; NOTICE BY AGENTS.—

229        (a) In the event of a breach of security of a system  
230 maintained by a third-party agent, such third-party agent shall  
231 notify the covered entity of the breach of security as  
232 expeditiously as practicable, but no later than 10 days after  
233 the determination of the breach or reason to believe that a

234 breach occurred. Upon receiving notice from a third-party agent,  
235 a covered entity shall provide notices required under  
236 subsections (3) and (4). A third-party agent shall provide a  
237 covered entity with all information that the covered entity  
238 needs to comply with its notice requirements.

239 (b) An agent may provide notice as required under  
240 subsections (3) and (4) on behalf of the covered entity;  
241 however, an agent's failure to provide proper notice is deemed  
242 to be a violation of this section by the covered entity.

243 (7) ANNUAL REPORT.—By February 1 of each year, the  
244 department shall submit a report to the President of the Senate  
245 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives describing the  
246 nature of any reported breaches of security by governmental  
247 entities or third-party agents of governmental entities in the  
248 preceding calendar year along with recommendations for security  
249 improvements. The report shall identify any governmental entity  
250 that has violated any of the applicable requirements in  
251 subsections (2)-(6) in the preceding calendar year.

252 (8) REQUIREMENTS FOR DISPOSAL OF CUSTOMER RECORDS.—Each  
253 covered entity or third-party agent shall take all reasonable  
254 measures to dispose, or arrange for the disposal, of customer  
255 records containing personal information within its custody or  
256 control when the records are no longer to be retained. Such  
257 disposal shall involve shredding, erasing, or otherwise  
258 modifying the personal information in the records to make it  
259 unreadable or undecipherable through any means.

260 (9) ENFORCEMENT.—

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

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

269 1. In the amount of \$1,000 for each day up to 30 days  
 270 after any violation of subsection (3) or subsection (4) and,  
 271 thereafter, \$50,000 for each subsequent 30-day period or portion  
 272 thereof for up to 180 days.

273 2. If notice is not made within 180 days, in an amount not  
 274 to exceed \$500,000.

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 276 The civil penalties for failure to notify provided in this  
 277 paragraph shall apply per breach and not per individual affected  
 278 by the breach.

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

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

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

285 282.0041 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

286 (5) "Breach" has the same meaning as the term "breach of  
 287 security" as provided in s. 501.171 ~~in s. 817.5681(4)~~.

288 Section 5. Paragraph (i) of subsection (4) of section  
 289 282.318, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

290 282.318 Enterprise security of data and information  
 291 technology.—

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

295 (i) Develop a process for detecting, reporting, and  
 296 responding to suspected or confirmed security incidents,  
 297 including suspected or confirmed breaches consistent with the  
 298 security rules and guidelines established by the Agency for  
 299 Enterprise Information Technology.

300 1. Suspected or confirmed information security incidents  
 301 and breaches must be immediately reported to the Agency for  
 302 Enterprise Information Technology.

303 2. For incidents involving breaches, agencies shall  
 304 provide notice in accordance with s. 501.171 ~~s. 817.5681~~ and to  
 305 the Agency for Enterprise Information Technology in accordance  
 306 with this subsection.

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