Amendment No. 3

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION ADOPTED ___ (Y/N) ADOPTED AS AMENDED ___ (Y/N) ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION ___ (Y/N) FAILED TO ADOPT ___ (Y/N) WITHDRAWN ___ (Y/N) OTHER

Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Energy, Communications & Cybersecurity Subcommittee

Representative Giallombardo offered the following:

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Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 714 and 715, insert:

Section 8. Section 1004.444, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1004.444 Florida Center for Cybersecurity.-

(1) The Florida Center for Cybersecurity, which may also be referred to as "Cyber Florida," is established as a center within the University of South Florida under the direction of the president of the university or the president's designee. The president may assign the center within a college of the university if the college has a strong emphasis in cybersecurity, technology, or computer sciences and engineering

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as determined and approved by the university's board of trustees.

- (2) The mission and goals of the center are to:
- (a) Position Florida as the national leader in cybersecurity and its related workforce primarily through advancing and funding education, and research and development initiatives in cybersecurity and related fields, with a secondary emphasis on, and community engagement and cybersecurity awareness.
- (b) Assist in the creation of jobs in the state's cybersecurity industry and enhance the existing cybersecurity workforce through education, research, applied science, and engagements and partnerships with the private and military sectors.
- (c) Act as a cooperative facilitator for state business and higher education communities to share cybersecurity knowledge, resources, and training.
- (d) Seek out <u>research and development agreements and other</u> partnerships with major military installations <u>and affiliated</u> <u>contractors</u> to assist, when possible, in homeland cybersecurity defense initiatives.
- (e) Attract cybersecurity companies <u>and jobs</u> to the state with an emphasis on defense, finance, health care, transportation, and utility sectors.

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(f) Conduct, fund, and facilitate research and applied
science that leads to the creation of new technologies and
software packages that have military and civilian applications
and which can be transferred for military and homeland defense
purposes or for sale or use in the private sector.
(3) Upon receiving a request for assistance from the
Department of Management Services, the Florida Digital Service,
or another state agency, the center is authorized, but may not
be compelled by the agency, to conduct, consult on, or otherwise
assist any state-funded initiatives related to:
(a) Cybersecurity training, professional development, and
education for state and local government employees, including
school districts and the judicial branch.
(b) Increasing the cybersecurity effectiveness of the
state's and local governments' technology platforms and
infrastructure, including school districts and the judicial
branch.
TITLE AMENDMENT
Remove line 74 and insert:

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Center for Cybersecurity; providing

the Florida Cybersecurity Advisory Council; amending s.

1004.444, F.S.; revising the mission and goals of the Florida