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The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability  
(Collins) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Present subsections (3), (4), and (5), (6)  
through (16), and (17) through (38) of section 282.0041, Florida  
Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (4), (5), and (6), (8)  
through (18), and (20) through (41), respectively, and new  
subsections (3), (7), and (19) are added to that section, to  
read:



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11           282.0041 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:  
12           (3) “As a service” means the contracting with or  
13 outsourcing to a third party of a defined role or function as a  
14 means of delivery.  
15           (7) “Cloud provider” means an entity that provides cloud-  
16 computing services.  
17           (19) “Enterprise digital data” means information held by a  
18 state agency in electronic form that is deemed to be data owned  
19 by the state and held for state purposes by the state agency.  
20 Enterprise digital data that is subject to statutory  
21 requirements for particular types of sensitive data or to  
22 contractual limitations for data marked as trade secrets or  
23 sensitive corporate data held by state agencies shall be treated  
24 in accordance with such requirements or limitations. The  
25 department must maintain personnel with appropriate licenses,  
26 certifications, or classifications to steward such enterprise  
27 digital data, as necessary. Enterprise digital data must be  
28 maintained in accordance with chapter 119. This subsection may  
29 not be construed to create or expand an exemption from public  
30 records requirements under s. 119.07(1) or s. 24(a), Art. I of  
31 the State Constitution.  
32           Section 2. Subsections (1), (4), and (5) of section  
33 282.0051, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph (c) is  
34 added to subsection (2) of that section, to read:  
35           282.0051 Department of Management Services; Florida Digital  
36 Service; powers, duties, and functions.—  
37           (1) The Florida Digital Service is established ~~has been~~  
38 ~~created~~ within the department to lead enterprise cybersecurity  
39 efforts, to safeguard enterprise digital data, to propose, test,



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40 develop, and deploy innovative solutions that securely modernize  
41 state government, including technology and information services,  
42 to achieve value through digital transformation and  
43 interoperability, and to fully support the cloud-first policy as  
44 specified in s. 282.206. The department, through the Florida  
45 Digital Service, shall have the following powers, duties, and  
46 functions:

47 (a) Develop and publish information technology policy for  
48 the management of the state's information technology resources.

49 (b) Develop an enterprise architecture that:

50 1. Acknowledges the unique needs of the entities within the  
51 enterprise in the development and publication of standards and  
52 terminologies to facilitate digital interoperability;

53 2. Supports the cloud-first policy as specified in s.  
54 282.206; and

55 3. Addresses how information technology infrastructure may  
56 be modernized to achieve cloud-first objectives.

57 (c) Establish project management and oversight standards  
58 with which state agencies must comply when implementing  
59 information technology projects. The department, acting through  
60 the Florida Digital Service, shall provide training  
61 opportunities to state agencies to assist in the adoption of the  
62 project management and oversight standards. To support data-  
63 driven decisionmaking, the standards must include, but are not  
64 limited to:

65 1. Performance measurements and metrics that objectively  
66 reflect the status of an information technology project based on  
67 a defined and documented project scope, cost, and schedule.

68 2. Methodologies for calculating acceptable variances in



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69 the projected versus actual scope, schedule, or cost of an  
70 information technology project.

71 3. Reporting requirements, including requirements designed  
72 to alert all defined stakeholders that an information technology  
73 project has exceeded acceptable variances defined and documented  
74 in a project plan.

75 4. Content, format, and frequency of project updates.

76 5. Technical standards to ensure an information technology  
77 project complies with the enterprise architecture.

78 (d) Ensure that independent ~~Perform~~ project oversight on  
79 all state agency information technology projects that have total  
80 project costs of \$25 ~~\$10~~ million or more and that are funded in  
81 the General Appropriations Act or any other law is performed in  
82 compliance with applicable state and federal law. The  
83 department, acting through the Florida Digital Service, shall  
84 report at least quarterly to the Executive Office of the  
85 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
86 House of Representatives on any information technology project  
87 that the department identifies as high-risk due to the project  
88 exceeding acceptable variance ranges defined and documented in a  
89 project plan. The report must include a risk assessment,  
90 including fiscal risks, associated with proceeding to the next  
91 stage of the project, and a recommendation for corrective  
92 actions required, including suspension or termination of the  
93 project.

94 (e) Identify opportunities for standardization and  
95 consolidation of information technology services that support  
96 interoperability and the cloud-first policy, as specified in s.  
97 282.206, and business functions and operations, including



98 administrative functions such as purchasing, accounting and  
99 reporting, cash management, and personnel, and that are common  
100 across state agencies. The department, acting through the  
101 Florida Digital Service, shall biennially on January 15 † of  
102 each even-numbered year provide recommendations for  
103 standardization and consolidation to the Executive Office of the  
104 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
105 House of Representatives.

106 (f) Establish best practices for the procurement of  
107 information technology products and cloud-computing services in  
108 order to reduce costs, increase the quality of data center  
109 services, or improve government services.

110 (g) Develop standards for information technology reports  
111 and updates, including, but not limited to, operational work  
112 plans, project spend plans, and project status reports, for use  
113 by state agencies.

114 (h) Upon request, assist state agencies in the development  
115 of information technology-related legislative budget requests.

116 ~~(i) Conduct annual assessments of state agencies to~~  
117 ~~determine compliance with all information technology standards~~  
118 ~~and guidelines developed and published by the department and~~  
119 ~~provide results of the assessments to the Executive Office of~~  
120 ~~the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of~~  
121 ~~the House of Representatives.~~

122 (i) ~~(j)~~ Conduct a market analysis not less frequently than  
123 every 3 years beginning in 2021 to determine whether the  
124 information technology resources within the enterprise are  
125 utilized in the most cost-effective and cost-efficient manner,  
126 while recognizing that the replacement of certain legacy



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127 information technology systems within the enterprise may be cost  
128 prohibitive or cost inefficient due to the remaining useful life  
129 of those resources; whether the enterprise is complying with the  
130 cloud-first policy specified in s. 282.206; and whether the  
131 enterprise is utilizing best practices with respect to  
132 information technology, information services, and the  
133 acquisition of emerging technologies and information services.  
134 Each market analysis shall be used to prepare a strategic plan  
135 for continued and future information technology and information  
136 services for the enterprise, including, but not limited to,  
137 proposed acquisition of new services or technologies and  
138 approaches to the implementation of any new services or  
139 technologies. Copies of each market analysis and accompanying  
140 strategic plan must be submitted to the Executive Office of the  
141 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
142 House of Representatives not later than December 31 of each year  
143 that a market analysis is conducted.

144 (j)~~(k)~~ Recommend other information technology services that  
145 should be designed, delivered, and managed as enterprise  
146 information technology services. Recommendations must include  
147 the identification of existing information technology resources  
148 associated with the services, if existing services must be  
149 transferred as a result of being delivered and managed as  
150 enterprise information technology services.

151 (k)~~(l)~~ In consultation with state agencies, propose a  
152 methodology and approach for identifying and collecting both  
153 current and planned information technology expenditure data at  
154 the state agency level.

155 (l)~~1.~~~~(m)~~~~1.~~ Notwithstanding any other law, provide project



156 oversight on any information technology project of the  
157 Department of Financial Services, the Department of Legal  
158 Affairs, and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
159 which has a total project cost of \$25 ~~\$20~~ million or more. Such  
160 information technology projects must also comply with the  
161 applicable information technology architecture, project  
162 management and oversight, and reporting standards established by  
163 the department, acting through the Florida Digital Service.

164 2. When performing the project oversight function specified  
165 in subparagraph 1., report by the 30th day after the end of each  
166 quarter ~~at least quarterly~~ to the Executive Office of the  
167 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
168 House of Representatives on any information technology project  
169 that the department, acting through the Florida Digital Service,  
170 identifies as high-risk due to the project exceeding acceptable  
171 variance ranges defined and documented in the project plan. The  
172 report shall include a risk assessment, including fiscal risks,  
173 associated with proceeding to the next stage of the project and  
174 a recommendation for corrective actions required, including  
175 suspension or termination of the project.

176 (m) ~~(n)~~ If an information technology project implemented by  
177 a state agency must be connected to or otherwise accommodated by  
178 an information technology system administered by the Department  
179 of Financial Services, the Department of Legal Affairs, or the  
180 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, consult with  
181 these departments regarding the risks and other effects of such  
182 projects on their information technology systems and work  
183 cooperatively with these departments regarding the connections,  
184 interfaces, timing, or accommodations required to implement such



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185 projects.

186        ~~(n)(e)~~ If adherence to standards or policies adopted by or  
187 established pursuant to this section causes conflict with  
188 federal regulations or requirements imposed on an entity within  
189 the enterprise and results in adverse action against an entity  
190 or federal funding, work with the entity to provide alternative  
191 standards, policies, or requirements that do not conflict with  
192 the federal regulation or requirement. The department, acting  
193 through the Florida Digital Service, shall annually by January  
194 15 report such alternative standards to the Executive Office of  
195 the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of  
196 the House of Representatives.

197        ~~(o)1.(p)1.~~ Establish an information technology policy for  
198 all information technology-related state contracts, including  
199 state term contracts for information technology commodities,  
200 consultant services, and staff augmentation services. The  
201 information technology policy must include:

202            a. Identification of the information technology product and  
203 service categories to be included in state term contracts.

204            b. Requirements to be included in solicitations for state  
205 term contracts.

206            c. Evaluation criteria for the award of information  
207 technology-related state term contracts.

208            d. The term of each information technology-related state  
209 term contract.

210            e. The maximum number of vendors authorized on each state  
211 term contract.

212            f. At a minimum, a requirement that any contract for  
213 information technology commodities or services meet the National



214 Institute of Standards and Technology Cybersecurity Framework.  
215       g. For an information technology project wherein project  
216 oversight is required pursuant to paragraph (d) or paragraph (l)  
217 ~~(m)~~, a requirement that independent verification and validation  
218 be employed throughout the project life cycle with the primary  
219 objective of independent verification and validation being to  
220 provide an objective assessment of products and processes  
221 throughout the project life cycle. An entity providing  
222 independent verification and validation may not have technical,  
223 managerial, or financial interest in the project and may not  
224 have responsibility for, or participate in, any other aspect of  
225 the project.

226       2. Evaluate vendor responses for information technology-  
227 related state term contract solicitations and invitations to  
228 negotiate.

229       3. Answer vendor questions on information technology-  
230 related state term contract solicitations.

231       4. Ensure that the information technology policy  
232 established pursuant to subparagraph 1. is included in all  
233 solicitations and contracts that are administratively executed  
234 by the department.

235       (p)~~(q)~~ Recommend potential methods for standardizing data  
236 across state agencies which will promote interoperability and  
237 reduce the collection of duplicative data.

238       (q)~~(r)~~ Recommend open data technical standards and  
239 terminologies for use by the enterprise.

240       (r)~~(s)~~ Ensure that enterprise information technology  
241 solutions are capable of utilizing an electronic credential and  
242 comply with the enterprise architecture standards.



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243           (2)

244           (c) The state chief information officer, in consultation  
245 with the Secretary of Management Services, shall designate a  
246 state chief technology officer who shall be responsible for all  
247 of the following:

248           1. Establishing and maintaining an enterprise architecture  
249 framework that ensures information technology investments align  
250 with the state's strategic objectives and initiatives pursuant  
251 to paragraph (1) (b).

252           2. Conducting comprehensive evaluations of potential  
253 technological solutions and cultivating strategic partnerships,  
254 internally with state enterprise agencies and externally with  
255 the private sector, to leverage collective expertise, foster  
256 collaboration, and advance the state's technological  
257 capabilities.

258           3. Supervising program management of enterprise information  
259 technology initiatives pursuant to paragraphs (1) (c), (d), and  
260 (1); providing advisory support and oversight for technology-  
261 related projects; and continuously identifying and recommending  
262 best practices to optimize outcomes of technology projects and  
263 enhance the enterprise's technological efficiency and  
264 effectiveness.

265           (4) For information technology projects that have a total  
266 project cost of \$25 ~~\$10~~ million or more:

267           (a) State agencies must provide the Florida Digital Service  
268 with written notice of any planned procurement of an information  
269 technology project.

270           (b) The Florida Digital Service must participate in the  
271 development of specifications and recommend modifications to any



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272 planned procurement of an information technology project by  
273 state agencies so that the procurement complies with the  
274 enterprise architecture.

275 (c) The Florida Digital Service must participate in post-  
276 award contract monitoring.

277 ~~(5) The department, acting through the Florida Digital~~  
278 ~~Service, may not retrieve or disclose any data without a shared-~~  
279 ~~data agreement in place between the department and the~~  
280 ~~enterprise entity that has primary custodial responsibility of,~~  
281 ~~or data-sharing responsibility for, that data.~~

282 Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 282.00515, Florida  
283 Statutes, is amended to read:

284 282.00515 Duties of Cabinet agencies.—

285 (1) The Department of Legal Affairs, the Department of  
286 Financial Services, and the Department of Agriculture and  
287 Consumer Services shall adopt the standards established in s.  
288 282.0051(1)(b), (c), and (q) and (3)(e) ~~s. 282.0051(1)(b), (c),~~  
289 ~~and (r) and (3)(e)~~ or adopt alternative standards based on best  
290 practices and industry standards that allow for open data  
291 interoperability.

292 Section 4. Present subsection (10) of section 282.318,  
293 Florida Statutes, is redesignated subsection (11), a new  
294 subsection (10) is added to that section, and subsection (3) and  
295 paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of that section are amended, to  
296 read:

297 282.318 Cybersecurity.—

298 (3) The ~~department, acting through the Florida Digital~~  
299 ~~Service,~~ is the lead entity responsible for leading  
300 cybersecurity efforts, safeguarding enterprise digital data,



301 establishing standards and processes for assessing state agency  
302 cybersecurity risks, and determining appropriate security  
303 measures. Such standards and processes must be consistent with  
304 generally accepted technology best practices, including the  
305 National Institute for Standards and Technology Cybersecurity  
306 Framework, for cybersecurity. The department, acting through the  
307 Florida Digital Service, shall adopt rules that mitigate risks;  
308 safeguard state agency digital assets, data, information, and  
309 information technology resources to ensure availability,  
310 confidentiality, and integrity; and support a security  
311 governance framework. The department, acting through the Florida  
312 Digital Service, shall also:

313 (a) Designate an employee of the Florida Digital Service as  
314 the state chief information security officer. The state chief  
315 information security officer must have experience and expertise  
316 in security and risk management for communications and  
317 information technology resources. The state chief information  
318 security officer is responsible for the development, operation,  
319 and oversight of cybersecurity for state technology systems. The  
320 Cybersecurity Operations Center shall immediately notify the  
321 state chief information officer and the state chief information  
322 security officer shall be notified of all confirmed or suspected  
323 incidents or threats of state agency information technology  
324 resources. The state chief information officer, in consultation  
325 with the state chief information security officer, and must  
326 report such incidents or threats to ~~the state chief information~~  
327 ~~officer and~~ the Governor.

328 (b) Develop, and annually update by February 1, a statewide  
329 cybersecurity strategic plan that includes security goals and



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330 objectives for cybersecurity, including the identification and  
331 mitigation of risk, proactive protections against threats,  
332 tactical risk detection, threat reporting, and response and  
333 recovery protocols for a cyber incident.

334 (c) Develop and publish for use by state agencies a  
335 cybersecurity governance framework that, at a minimum, includes  
336 guidelines and processes for:

337 1. Establishing asset management procedures to ensure that  
338 an agency's information technology resources are identified and  
339 managed consistent with their relative importance to the  
340 agency's business objectives.

341 2. Using a standard risk assessment methodology that  
342 includes the identification of an agency's priorities,  
343 constraints, risk tolerances, and assumptions necessary to  
344 support operational risk decisions.

345 3. Completing comprehensive risk assessments and  
346 cybersecurity audits, which may be completed by a private sector  
347 vendor, and submitting completed assessments and audits to the  
348 department.

349 4. Identifying protection procedures to manage the  
350 protection of an agency's information, data, and information  
351 technology resources.

352 5. Establishing procedures for accessing information and  
353 data to ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and availability  
354 of such information and data.

355 6. Detecting threats through proactive monitoring of  
356 events, continuous security monitoring, and defined detection  
357 processes.

358 7. Establishing agency cybersecurity incident response



359 teams and describing their responsibilities for responding to  
360 cybersecurity incidents, including breaches of personal  
361 information containing confidential or exempt data.

362 8. Recovering information and data in response to a  
363 cybersecurity incident. The recovery may include recommended  
364 improvements to the agency processes, policies, or guidelines.

365 9. Establishing a cybersecurity incident reporting process  
366 that includes procedures for notifying the department and the  
367 Department of Law Enforcement of cybersecurity incidents.

368 a. The level of severity of the cybersecurity incident is  
369 defined by the National Cyber Incident Response Plan of the  
370 United States Department of Homeland Security as follows:

371 (I) Level 5 is an emergency-level incident within the  
372 specified jurisdiction that poses an imminent threat to the  
373 provision of wide-scale critical infrastructure services;  
374 national, state, or local government security; or the lives of  
375 the country's, state's, or local government's residents.

376 (II) Level 4 is a severe-level incident that is likely to  
377 result in a significant impact in the affected jurisdiction to  
378 public health or safety; national, state, or local security;  
379 economic security; or civil liberties.

380 (III) Level 3 is a high-level incident that is likely to  
381 result in a demonstrable impact in the affected jurisdiction to  
382 public health or safety; national, state, or local security;  
383 economic security; civil liberties; or public confidence.

384 (IV) Level 2 is a medium-level incident that may impact  
385 public health or safety; national, state, or local security;  
386 economic security; civil liberties; or public confidence.

387 (V) Level 1 is a low-level incident that is unlikely to



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388 impact public health or safety; national, state, or local  
389 security; economic security; civil liberties; or public  
390 confidence.

391 b. The cybersecurity incident reporting process must  
392 specify the information that must be reported by a state agency  
393 following a cybersecurity incident or ransomware incident,  
394 which, at a minimum, must include the following:

395 (I) A summary of the facts surrounding the cybersecurity  
396 incident or ransomware incident.

397 (II) The date on which the state agency most recently  
398 backed up its data; the physical location of the backup, if the  
399 backup was affected; and if the backup was created using cloud  
400 computing.

401 (III) The types of data compromised by the cybersecurity  
402 incident or ransomware incident.

403 (IV) The estimated fiscal impact of the cybersecurity  
404 incident or ransomware incident.

405 (V) In the case of a ransomware incident, the details of  
406 the ransom demanded.

407 c.(I) A state agency shall report all ransomware incidents  
408 and ~~any cybersecurity incidents~~ ~~incident determined by the state~~  
409 ~~agency to be of severity level 3, 4, or 5~~ to the Cybersecurity  
410 Operations Center ~~and the Cybercrime Office of the Department of~~  
411 ~~Law Enforcement~~ as soon as possible but no later than 12 ~~48~~  
412 hours after discovery of the cybersecurity incident and no later  
413 than 6 ~~12~~ hours after discovery of the ransomware incident. The  
414 report must contain the information required in sub-subparagraph  
415 b.

416 (II) The Cybersecurity Operations Center shall:



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417 (A) Immediately notify the Cybercrime Office of the  
418 Department of Law Enforcement of a reported incident and provide  
419 to the Cybercrime Office of the Department of Law Enforcement  
420 regular reports on the status of the incident, preserve forensic  
421 data to support a subsequent investigation, and provide aid to  
422 the investigative efforts of the Cybercrime Office of the  
423 Department of Law Enforcement upon the office's request if the  
424 state chief information security officer finds that the  
425 investigation does not impede remediation of the incident and  
426 that there is no risk to the public and no risk to critical  
427 state functions.

428 (B) Immediately notify the state chief information officer  
429 and the state chief information security officer of a reported  
430 incident. The state chief information security officer shall  
431 notify the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House  
432 of Representatives of any severity level 3, 4, or 5 incident as  
433 soon as possible but no later than 24 12 hours after receiving a  
434 state agency's incident report. The notification must include a  
435 high-level description of the incident and the likely effects  
436 and must be provided in a secure environment.

437 ~~d. A state agency shall report a cybersecurity incident~~  
438 ~~determined by the state agency to be of severity level 1 or 2 to~~  
439 ~~the Cybersecurity Operations Center and the Cybercrime Office of~~  
440 ~~the Department of Law Enforcement as soon as possible. The~~  
441 ~~report must contain the information required in sub-subparagraph~~  
442 ~~b.~~

443 ~~e.~~ The Cybersecurity Operations Center shall provide a  
444 consolidated incident report by the 30th day after the end of  
445 each quarter ~~on a quarterly basis to the Governor, the Attorney~~



446 General, the executive director of the Department of Law  
447 Enforcement, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the  
448 House of Representatives, and the Florida Cybersecurity Advisory  
449 Council. The report provided to the Florida Cybersecurity  
450 Advisory Council may not contain the name of any agency, network  
451 information, or system identifying information but must contain  
452 sufficient relevant information to allow the Florida  
453 Cybersecurity Advisory Council to fulfill its responsibilities  
454 as required in s. 282.319(9).

455       10. Incorporating information obtained through detection  
456 and response activities into the agency's cybersecurity incident  
457 response plans.

458       11. Developing agency strategic and operational  
459 cybersecurity plans required pursuant to this section.

460       12. Establishing the managerial, operational, and technical  
461 safeguards for protecting state government data and information  
462 technology resources that align with the state agency risk  
463 management strategy and that protect the confidentiality,  
464 integrity, and availability of information and data.

465       13. Establishing procedures for procuring information  
466 technology commodities and services that require the commodity  
467 or service to meet the National Institute of Standards and  
468 Technology Cybersecurity Framework.

469       14. Submitting after-action reports following a  
470 cybersecurity incident or ransomware incident. Such guidelines  
471 and processes for submitting after-action reports must be  
472 developed and published by December 1, 2022.

473       (d) Assist state agencies in complying with this section.

474       (e) In collaboration with the Cybercrime Office of the



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475 Department of Law Enforcement, annually provide training for  
476 state agency information security managers and computer security  
477 incident response team members that contains training on  
478 cybersecurity, including cybersecurity threats, trends, and best  
479 practices.

480 (f) Annually review the strategic and operational  
481 cybersecurity plans of state agencies.

482 (g) Annually provide cybersecurity training to all state  
483 agency technology professionals and employees with access to  
484 highly sensitive information which develops, assesses, and  
485 documents competencies by role and skill level. The  
486 cybersecurity training curriculum must include training on the  
487 identification of each cybersecurity incident severity level  
488 referenced in sub-subparagraph (c)9.a. The training may be  
489 provided in collaboration with the Cybercrime Office of the  
490 Department of Law Enforcement, a private sector entity, or an  
491 institution of the State University System.

492 (h) Operate and maintain a Cybersecurity Operations Center  
493 led by the state chief information security officer, which must  
494 be primarily virtual and staffed with tactical detection and  
495 incident response personnel. The Cybersecurity Operations Center  
496 shall serve as a clearinghouse for threat information and  
497 coordinate with the Department of Law Enforcement to support  
498 state agencies and their response to any confirmed or suspected  
499 cybersecurity incident.

500 (i) Lead an Emergency Support Function, ESF-20 ~~ESF-CYBER~~,  
501 under the state comprehensive emergency management plan as  
502 described in s. 252.35.

503 (j) Provide cybersecurity briefings to the members of any



504 legislative committee or subcommittee responsible for policy  
505 matters relating to cybersecurity.

506 (k) Have the authority to obtain immediate access to public  
507 or private infrastructure hosting enterprise digital data and to  
508 direct, in consultation with the state agency that holds the  
509 particular enterprise digital data, measures to assess, monitor,  
510 and safeguard the enterprise digital data.

511 (4) Each state agency head shall, at a minimum:

512 (a) Designate an information security manager to ensure  
513 compliance with cybersecurity governance and with the state's  
514 enterprise security program and incident response plan. The  
515 information security manager must coordinate with the agency's  
516 information security personnel and the Cybersecurity Operations  
517 Center to ensure that the unique needs of the agency are met  
518 administer the cybersecurity program of the state agency. This  
519 designation must be provided annually in writing to the  
520 department by January 15 4. A state agency's information  
521 security manager, for purposes of these information security  
522 duties, shall report directly to the agency head.

523 (10) The department may brief any legislative committee or  
524 subcommittee responsible for cybersecurity policy in a meeting  
525 or other setting closed by the respective body under the rules  
526 of such legislative body at which the legislative committee or  
527 subcommittee is briefed on records made confidential and exempt  
528 under subsections (5) and (6). The legislative committee or  
529 subcommittee must maintain the confidential and exempt status of  
530 such records. A legislator serving on a legislative committee or  
531 subcommittee responsible for cybersecurity policy may also  
532 attend meetings of the Florida Cybersecurity Advisory Council,



533 including any portions of such meetings that are exempt from s.  
534 286.011 and s. 24(b), Art. I of the State Constitution.

535 Section 5. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (5) of  
536 section 282.3185, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

537 282.3185 Local government cybersecurity.—

538 (5) INCIDENT NOTIFICATION.—

539 (b)1. A local government shall report all ransomware  
540 incidents and any cybersecurity incident determined by the local  
541 government to be of severity level 3, 4, or 5 as provided in s.  
542 282.318(3)(c) to the Cybersecurity Operations Center, ~~the~~  
543 ~~Cybercrime Office of the Department of Law Enforcement, and the~~  
544 ~~sheriff who has jurisdiction over the local government~~ as soon  
545 as possible but no later than 12 ~~48~~ hours after discovery of the  
546 cybersecurity incident and no later than 6 ~~12~~ hours after  
547 discovery of the ransomware incident. The report must contain  
548 the information required in paragraph (a).

549 2. The Cybersecurity Operations Center shall:

550 a. Immediately notify the Cybercrime Office of the  
551 Department of Law Enforcement and the sheriff who has  
552 jurisdiction over the local government of a reported incident  
553 and provide to the Cybercrime Office of the Department of Law  
554 Enforcement and the sheriff who has jurisdiction over the local  
555 government regular reports on the status of the incident,  
556 preserve forensic data to support a subsequent investigation,  
557 and provide aid to the investigative efforts of the Cybercrime  
558 Office of the Department of Law Enforcement upon the office's  
559 request if the state chief information security officer finds  
560 that the investigation does not impede remediation of the  
561 incident and that there is no risk to the public and no risk to



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562 critical state functions.

563 b. Immediately notify the state chief information security  
564 officer of a reported incident. The state chief information  
565 security officer shall notify the President of the Senate and  
566 the Speaker of the House of Representatives of any severity  
567 level 3, 4, or 5 incident as soon as possible but no later than  
568 24 ~~42~~ hours after receiving a local government's incident  
569 report. The notification must include a high-level description  
570 of the incident and the likely effects and must be provided in a  
571 secure environment.

572 (c) A local government may report a cybersecurity incident  
573 determined by the local government to be of severity level 1 or  
574 2 as provided in s. 282.318(3)(c) to the Cybersecurity  
575 Operations Center, the Cybercrime Office of the Department of  
576 Law Enforcement, and the sheriff who has jurisdiction over the  
577 local government. The report shall contain the information  
578 required in paragraph (a). The Cybersecurity Operations Center  
579 shall immediately notify the Cybercrime Office of the Department  
580 of Law Enforcement and the sheriff who has jurisdiction over the  
581 local government of a reported incident and provide regular  
582 reports on the status of the cybersecurity incident, preserve  
583 forensic data to support a subsequent investigation, and provide  
584 aid to the investigative efforts of the Cybercrime Office of the  
585 Department of Law Enforcement upon request if the state chief  
586 information security officer finds that the investigation does  
587 not impede remediation of the cybersecurity incident and that  
588 there is no risk to the public and no risk to critical state  
589 functions.

590 Section 6. Paragraph (j) of subsection (4) of section



591 282.319, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (m) is  
592 added to that subsection, to read:

593 282.319 Florida Cybersecurity Advisory Council.—

594 (4) The council shall be comprised of the following  
595 members:

596 (j) Three representatives from critical infrastructure  
597 sectors, one of whom must be from a utility provider ~~water~~  
598 ~~treatment facility~~, appointed by the Governor.

599 (m) A representative of local government.

600 Section 7. Section 1004.444, Florida Statutes, is amended  
601 to read:

602 1004.444 Florida Center for Cybersecurity.—

603 (1) The Florida Center for Cybersecurity, which may also be  
604 referred to as "Cyber Florida," is established as a center  
605 within the University of South Florida under the direction of  
606 the president of the university or the president's designee. The  
607 president may assign the center within a college of the  
608 university if the college has a strong emphasis on  
609 cybersecurity, technology, or computer sciences and engineering  
610 as determined and approved by the university's board of  
611 trustees.

612 (2) The mission and goals of the center are to:

613 (a) Position Florida as the national leader in  
614 cybersecurity and its related workforce primarily through  
615 advancing and funding education and ~~r~~ research and development  
616 initiatives in cybersecurity and related fields, with a  
617 secondary emphasis on ~~r~~ and community engagement and  
618 cybersecurity awareness.

619 (b) Assist in the creation of jobs in the state's



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620 cybersecurity industry and enhance the existing cybersecurity  
621 workforce through education, research, applied science, and  
622 engagements and partnerships with the private and military  
623 sectors.

624 (c) Act as a cooperative facilitator for state business and  
625 higher education communities to share cybersecurity knowledge,  
626 resources, and training.

627 (d) Seek out research and development agreements and other  
628 partnerships with major military installations and affiliated  
629 contractors to assist, when possible, in homeland cybersecurity  
630 defense initiatives.

631 (e) Attract cybersecurity companies and jobs to the state  
632 with an emphasis on defense, finance, health care,  
633 transportation, and utility sectors.

634 (f) Conduct, fund, and facilitate research and applied  
635 science that leads to the creation of new technologies and  
636 software packages that have military and civilian applications  
637 and which can be transferred for military and homeland defense  
638 purposes or for sale or use in the private sector.

639 (3) Upon receiving a request for assistance from the  
640 Department of Management Services, the Florida Digital Service,  
641 or another state agency, the center is authorized, but may not  
642 be compelled by the agency, to conduct, consult on, or otherwise  
643 assist any state-funded initiatives related to:

644 (a) Cybersecurity training, professional development, and  
645 education for state and local government employees, including  
646 school districts and the judicial branch.

647 (b) Increasing the cybersecurity effectiveness of the  
648 state's and local governments' technology platforms and



649 infrastructure, including school districts and the judicial  
650 branch.

651 Section 8. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

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653 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

654 And the title is amended as follows:

655 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
656 and insert:

657 A bill to be entitled  
658 An act relating to cybersecurity; amending s.  
659 282.0041, F.S.; defining terms; amending s. 282.0051,  
660 F.S.; revising the purposes for which the Florida  
661 Digital Service is established; requiring the Florida  
662 Digital Service to ensure that independent project  
663 oversight on certain state agency information  
664 technology projects is performed in a certain manner;  
665 revising the date by which the Department of  
666 Management Services, acting through the Florida  
667 Digital Service, must provide certain recommendations  
668 to the Executive Office of the Governor and the  
669 Legislature; removing certain duties of the Florida  
670 Digital Service; revising the total project cost of  
671 certain projects for which the Florida Digital Service  
672 must provide project oversight; specifying the date by  
673 which the Florida Digital Service must provide certain  
674 reports; requiring the state chief information  
675 officer, in consultation with the Secretary of  
676 Management Services, to designate a state chief  
677 technology officer; providing duties of the state



678 chief technology officer; revising the total project  
679 cost of certain projects for which certain procurement  
680 actions must be taken; removing provisions prohibiting  
681 the department, acting through the Florida Digital  
682 Service, from retrieving or disclosing certain data in  
683 certain circumstances; amending s. 282.00515, F.S.;  
684 conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 282.318,  
685 F.S.; providing that the Florida Digital Service is  
686 the lead entity for a certain purpose; requiring the  
687 Cybersecurity Operations Center to provide certain  
688 notifications; requiring the state chief information  
689 officer to make certain reports in consultation with  
690 the state chief information security officer; revising  
691 the timeframe for a state agency to report ransomware  
692 and cybersecurity incidents to the Cybersecurity  
693 Operations Center; requiring the Cybersecurity  
694 Operations Center to immediately notify certain  
695 entities of reported incidents and take certain  
696 actions; requiring the state chief information  
697 security officer to notify the Legislature of certain  
698 incidents within a certain period; requiring that a  
699 certain notification be provided in a secure  
700 environment; requiring the Cybersecurity Operations  
701 Center to provide a certain report to certain entities  
702 by a specified date; requiring the department, acting  
703 through the Florida Digital Service, to provide  
704 cybersecurity briefings to certain legislative  
705 committees; authorizing the department, acting through  
706 the Florida Digital Service, to obtain certain access



707 to certain infrastructure and direct certain measures;  
708 revising the purpose of a state agency's information  
709 security manager and the date by which he or she must  
710 be designated; authorizing the department to brief  
711 certain legislative committees in a closed setting on  
712 certain records that are confidential and exempt from  
713 public records requirements; requiring such  
714 legislative committees to maintain the confidential  
715 and exempt status of certain records; authorizing  
716 certain legislators to attend meetings of the Florida  
717 Cybersecurity Advisory Council; amending s. 282.3185,  
718 F.S.; requiring local governments to report ransomware  
719 and certain cybersecurity incidents to the  
720 Cybersecurity Operations Center within certain time  
721 periods; requiring the Cybersecurity Operations Center  
722 to immediately notify certain entities of certain  
723 incidents and take certain actions; requiring the  
724 state chief information security officer to provide  
725 certain notification to the Legislature within a  
726 certain timeframe and in a secure environment;  
727 amending s. 282.319, F.S.; revising the membership of  
728 the Florida Cybersecurity Advisory Council; amending  
729 s. 1004.444, F.S.; providing that the Florida Center  
730 for Cybersecurity may be referred to as "Cyber  
731 Florida"; providing that such center is under the  
732 direction of the president of the University of South  
733 Florida or his or her designee; authorizing the  
734 president to assign the center within a certain  
735 college of the university; revising the mission and



736 goals of the center; authorizing the center, if  
737 requested by specified entities, to conduct, consult  
738 on, or assist on specified state-funded initiatives;  
739 providing an effective date.