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Senator Collins moved the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 28 - 119

and insert:

Section 1. 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 within the University of South Florida, under the direction of the president of the university or the president's designee.



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- 12           (2) The mission and goals of the center are to:
- 13           (a) Position Florida as the national leader in
- 14 cybersecurity and its related workforce primarily through
- 15 advancing and funding education and, ~~research and development~~
- 16 initiatives in cybersecurity and related fields, with a
- 17 secondary emphasis on, ~~and~~ community engagement and
- 18 cybersecurity awareness.
- 19           (b) Assist in the creation of jobs in the state's
- 20 cybersecurity industry and enhance the existing cybersecurity
- 21 workforce through education, research, applied science, and
- 22 engagements and partnerships with the private and military
- 23 sectors.
- 24           (c) Act as a cooperative facilitator for state business and
- 25 higher education communities to share cybersecurity knowledge,
- 26 resources, and training.
- 27           (d) Seek out research and development agreements and other
- 28 partnerships with major military installations and affiliated
- 29 contractors to assist, when possible, in homeland cybersecurity
- 30 defense initiatives.
- 31           (e) Attract cybersecurity companies and jobs to this the
- 32 state, with an emphasis on the defense, finance, health care,
- 33 transportation, and utility sectors.
- 34           (f) Conduct, fund, and facilitate research and applied
- 35 science that leads to the creation of new technologies and
- 36 software packages that have military and civilian applications
- 37 and that can be transferred for military and homeland defense
- 38 purposes or for sale or use in the private sector.
- 39           (3) Upon receiving a request for assistance from the
- 40 Department of Management Services, the Florida Digital Service,



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41 or another state agency, the center is authorized, but may not  
42 be compelled by the agency, to conduct, consult on, or otherwise  
43 assist any state-funded initiatives related to:

44 (a) Cybersecurity training, professional development, and  
45 education for state and local government employees, including  
46 school districts and the judicial branch; and

47 (b) Increasing the cybersecurity effectiveness of the  
48 state's and local governments' technology platforms and  
49 infrastructure, including school districts and the judicial  
50 branch.

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

53 And the title is amended as follows:

54 Delete lines 3 - 23

55 and insert:

56 1004.444, F.S.; providing that the Florida Center for  
57 Cybersecurity may also be referred to as "Cyber  
58 Florida"; providing that the center is established  
59 under the direction of the president of the University  
60 of South Florida, or his or her designee; revising the  
61 mission and goals of the center; authorizing the  
62 center to take certain actions relating to certain  
63 initiatives; providing