

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Bill No. CS/HB 1081 (2026)

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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WITHDRAWN _____ (Y/N)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: Budget Committee

Representative Driskell offered the following:

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Remove lines 51-100 and insert:

program statewide to all NCAE-C-designated state universities,
Florida College System institutions, and private postsecondary
educational institutions will accelerate the development of a
highly qualified, clearance-ready cybersecurity workforce. This
expanded capacity to develop a more qualified cybersecurity
workforce is necessary to both close existing gaps and keep pace
with the growth in demand for cybersecurity talent within this
state.

(2) (a) The Legislature intends to establish the
Cybersecurity Experiential Internship and Clearance Readiness
Program across all NCAE-C-designated state universities, Florida

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17 College System institutions, and private postsecondary
18 educational institutions beginning with the 2026-2027 academic
19 year.

20 (b) The Legislature further intends to sustain the program
21 through the 2030-2031 academic year and establish clear metrics
22 and reporting requirements to measure the impact on this state's
23 workforce and national security posture.

24 (3) Subject to appropriation, the Cybersecurity
25 Experiential Internship and Clearance Readiness Program is
26 created within the Department of Commerce. The department shall
27 enter into an agreement with the Florida Center for
28 Cybersecurity (Cyber Florida) at the University of South
29 Florida, to implement the program in collaboration with all
30 NCAE-C-designated state universities, Florida College System
31 institutions, and private postsecondary educational
32 institutions.

33 (4) The program shall include all of the following
34 components:

35 (a) Increasing the number of experiential cyber risk
36 analyst internships statewide by using an instrumented platform
37 of automated assessments with employers based in this state in
38 the defense, finance, health care, transportation, utility, and
39 critical infrastructure sectors.

40 (b) Providing intern-supporting organizations with
41 actionable, prioritized analytics, reporting, and risk

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mitigation action plans to enhance cyber resilience across this state.

(c) Delivering a federal security clearance readiness curriculum, including comprehensive background checks preparation, national security information and protection training, clearance application preparation and vetting, and mentoring for selected participants.

(d) Providing CompTIA Security+ certification training and examination for selected participants.

(e) Coordinating with state, federal, and private sector partners to facilitate placement of graduates in high-demand cybersecurity roles.

(f) Providing access to datasets for statewide cyber assessments, research, and development.

(5) Beginning in the 2026-2027 academic year, the program must be available at all currently NCAE-C-designated state universities, Florida College System institutions, and private postsecondary educational institutions.