

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Bill No. CS/HB 1081 (2026)

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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WITHDRAWN _____ (Y/N)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

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Budget Committee

2 Representative Driskell offered the following:

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4 **Amendment**

5 Remove lines 51-100 and insert:

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

14 (2) (a) The Legislature intends to establish the
15 Cybersecurity Experiential Internship and Clearance Readiness
16 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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42 mitigation action plans to enhance cyber resilience across this
43 state.

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

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

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

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

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