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16 (2) Under the grant program, the Florida Center for
17 Cybersecurity shall enter into data-sharing agreements with
18 local governments and the Florida Digital Service necessary to
19 facilitate the collection, analysis, and exchange of security-
20 related information to support the detection, prevention, and
21 response to cybersecurity incidents consistent with s. 282.318.

22 (3) (a) The Florida Center for Cybersecurity shall
23 administer the grant program based on objective eligibility and
24 evaluation criteria to provide information technology
25 commodities and services directly to local governments for the
26 purpose of developing and enhancing cybersecurity risk
27 management programs consistent with s. 282.3185.

28 (b) The Florida Center for Cybersecurity shall contract
29 for information technology commodities and services and shall
30 award such commodities and services to local governments
31 eligible under the grant program criteria.

32 (c) In awarding information technology commodities and
33 services, the Florida Center for Cybersecurity shall give
34 preference to fiscally constrained counties as described in s.
35 218.67(1).

36 (d) Grants shall be awarded to eligible local governments
37 by October 1 of each year.

38 (e) A local government may not receive a grant under this
39 section for more than two consecutive fiscal years in which the
40 grant program awards are made.

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41 (f) A local government may purchase information technology
42 commodities and services from the contracts managed by the
43 Florida Center for Cybersecurity to administer this section even
44 if it does not apply for or receive a grant award. The local
45 government shall be solely responsible for all costs associated
46 with such purchases.

47 (g) Beginning December 15, 2027, and each year thereafter,
48 the Florida Center for Cybersecurity shall prepare and submit to
49 the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget and the chairs of the
50 legislative appropriations committees a report on the
51 implementation and outcomes of the grant program for the
52 preceding fiscal year. The report must include:

53 1. The total number of grant applications received and
54 number and dollar amount of grants awarded, as well as the
55 number of applications denied, withdrawn, or deemed ineligible.

56 2. A list of the local governments awarded a grant,
57 identifying the cybersecurity commodities or services funded by
58 each grant and their purpose.

59 3. A description of federal and other funds received and
60 utilized in furtherance of the grant program.

61 4. A detailed accounting of administrative expenses
62 directly related to the management of the grant program.

63 (4) The Florida Center for Cybersecurity may apply for and
64 accept any funds or grants made available to it by any agency or

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65 department of the Federal Government to further the grant
66 program.

67 (5) The total administrative expenses authorized for the
68 management, oversight, and operational support of the grant
69 program by the Florida Center for Cybersecurity may not exceed 4
70 percent of the total funds appropriated to the grant program
71 during a fiscal year.

72 (6) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2031,
73 unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the
74 Legislature.

75 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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78 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

79 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

80 A bill to be entitled

81 An act relating to local government cyber security;
82 creating s. 282.31855, F.S.; creating the Local
83 Government Cybersecurity Protection Program within the
84 University of South Florida, to be administered by the
85 Florida Center for Cybersecurity; providing the
86 purpose of the grant program; requiring the Florida
87 Center for Cybersecurity to enter into certain data-
88 sharing agreements with local governments and the
89 Florida Digital Service for a specified purpose;

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90 requiring the Florida Center for Cybersecurity to
91 administer the grant program based on specified
92 criteria to provide information technology commodities
93 and services to local governments for a specified
94 purpose; requiring the Florida Center for
95 Cybersecurity to contract for information technology
96 commodities and services and award such commodities
97 and services to local governments; establishing
98 preference for certain counties under the grant
99 program; requiring grants to be annually awarded by a
100 certain date; authorizing grants to be awarded to a
101 local government no more than two consecutive fiscal
102 years; authorizing local governments to purchase
103 information technology commodities and services under
104 specified criteria; requiring an annual report;
105 authorizing the Florida Center for Cybersecurity to
106 apply for and accept certain funds or grants;
107 establishing a limit to the allowable administrative
108 fees to manage the grant program; providing for repeal
109 on a specified date; providing an effective date.