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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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Senator Harrell moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Section 282.31855, Florida Statutes, is created
to read:

282.31855 Local Government Cybersecurity Protection
Program.—

(1) The Local Government Cybersecurity Protection Program
is created within the Florida Digital Service, to be
administered by the Florida Digital Service. The purpose of the



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12 grant program is to assist eligible local governments in
13 mitigating and defending against cybersecurity threats,
14 including, but not limited to, ransomware incidents.

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

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

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

31 (c) In awarding information technology commodities and
32 services, the Florida Digital Service shall give preference to
33 fiscally constrained counties as described in s. 218.67(1).

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

36 (4) The Florida Digital Service may apply for and accept
37 any funds or grants made available to it by any agency or
38 department of the Federal Government to further the grant
39 program.

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



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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause
and insert:

A bill to be entitled
An act relating to local government cybersecurity;
creating s. 282.31855, F.S.; creating the Local
Government Cybersecurity Protection Program within the
Florida Digital Service; requiring the grant program
to be administered by the Florida Digital Service;
providing the purpose of the grant program; requiring
the Florida Digital Service to enter into certain
data-sharing agreements with local governments for a
specified purpose; requiring the Florida Digital
Service to administer the grant program based on
specified criteria to provide information technology
commodities and services to local governments for a
specified purpose; requiring the Florida Digital
Service to contract for information technology
commodities and services and award such commodities
and services to local governments; establishing
preference for certain counties under the grant
program; requiring grants to be annually awarded by a
certain date; authorizing the Florida Digital Service
to apply for and accept certain funds or grants;
providing an effective date.