

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to local government cyber security;
3 creating s. 282.31855, F.S.; creating the Florida
4 State University Cybersecurity Protection Program;
5 providing the purpose of the program; requiring local
6 governments to participate in the program and to
7 submit requests to Florida State University to use
8 cybersecurity programs and software developed by the
9 university; establishing priority for certain counties
10 under the program; authorizing Florida State
11 University to apply for and accept certain funds or
12 grants; providing an effective date.

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14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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

18 282.31855 Florida State University Cybersecurity
19 Protection Program.—

20 (1) The Florida State University Cybersecurity Protection
21 Program is hereby created and shall be administered by Florida
22 State University.

23 (2) The purpose of the program is to give local
24 governments and local law enforcement agencies access to
25 cybersecurity programs and software developed by Florida State

26 University to protect against cybersecurity threats and
27 ransomware incidents.

28 (3) (a) Each local government shall participate in the
29 program and shall submit a request to Florida State University
30 to use cybersecurity programs and software developed by the
31 university.

32 (b) A fiscally constrained county as described in s.
33 218.67(1) shall be given priority in the program.

34 (4) Florida State University may apply for and accept any
35 funds or grants made available to it by any agency or department
36 of the Federal Government to further the program.

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