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

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

Section 1. Section 282.31855, Florida Statutes, is created

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26 **to read:**27 282.31855 Local Government Cybersecurity Protection28 Program.—29 (1) The Local Government Cybersecurity Protection Program  
30 is created within Florida State University, to be administered  
31 by Florida State University. The purpose of the grant program is  
32 to assist eligible local governments in mitigating and defending  
33 against cybersecurity threats, including, but not limited to,  
34 ransomware incidents.35 (2) Under the grant program, Florida State University  
36 shall enter into data-sharing agreements with local governments  
37 and the Florida Digital Service necessary to facilitate the  
38 collection, analysis, and exchange of security-related  
39 information to support the detection, prevention, and response  
40 to cybersecurity incidents consistent with s. 282.318.41 (3) (a) Florida State University shall administer the grant  
42 program based on objective eligibility and evaluation criteria  
43 to provide information technology commodities and services  
44 directly to local governments for the purpose of developing and  
45 enhancing cybersecurity risk management programs consistent with  
46 s. 282.3185.47 (b) Florida State University shall contract for  
48 information technology commodities and services and shall award  
49 such commodities and services to local governments eligible  
50 under the grant program criteria.

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51        (c) In awarding information technology commodities and  
52        services, Florida State University shall give preference to  
53        fiscally constrained counties as described in s. 218.67(1).

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

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

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