

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to local government cyber security;
3 creating s. 282.31855, F.S.; creating the Local
4 Government Cybersecurity Protection Program within
5 Florida State University, to be administered by
6 Florida State University; providing the purpose of the
7 grant program; requiring Florida State University to
8 enter into certain data-sharing agreements with local
9 governments and the Florida Digital Service for a
10 specified purpose; requiring Florida State University
11 to administer the grant program based on specified
12 criteria to provide information technology commodities
13 and services to local governments for a specified
14 purpose; requiring Florida State University to
15 contract for information technology commodities and
16 services and award such commodities and services to
17 local governments; establishing preference for certain
18 counties under the grant program; requiring grants to
19 be annually awarded by a certain date; authorizing
20 Florida State University to apply for and accept
21 certain funds or grants; providing an effective date.

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

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25 **Section 1. Section 282.31855, Florida Statutes, is created**

26 **to read:**

27 282.31855 Local Government Cybersecurity Protection
28 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.

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.