

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 the
5 Florida Digital Service, to be administered by the
6 Florida Digital Service; providing the purpose of the
7 grant program; requiring the Florida Digital Service
8 to enter into certain data-sharing agreements with
9 local governments for a specified purpose; requiring
10 the Florida Digital Service to administer the grant
11 program based on specified criteria to provide
12 information technology commodities and services to
13 local governments for a specified purpose; requiring
14 the Florida Digital Service to contract for
15 information technology commodities and services and
16 award such commodities and services to local
17 governments; establishing preference for certain
18 counties under the grant program; requiring grants to
19 be annually awarded by a certain date; authorizing
20 local governments to purchase information technology
21 commodities and services under specified criteria;
22 providing local governments are responsible for all
23 costs associated with such purchases; requiring the
24 Florida Digital Service to prepare and submit a
25 specified report to the Governor's Office of Policy

26 and Budget and the chairs of the legislative
27 appropriations committees; authorizing the Florida
28 Digital Service to apply for and accept certain funds
29 or grants; providing for future repeal unless saved by
30 the Legislature through reenactment; providing an
31 effective date.

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

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

37 282.31855 Local Government Cybersecurity Protection
38 Program.—

39 (1) The Local Government Cybersecurity Protection Program
40 is created within the Florida Digital Service, to be
41 administered by the Florida Digital Service. The purpose of the
42 grant program is to assist eligible local governments in
43 mitigating and defending against cybersecurity threats,
44 including, but not limited to, ransomware incidents.

45 (2) Under the grant program, the Florida Digital Service
46 shall enter into data-sharing agreements with local governments
47 as necessary to facilitate the collection, analysis, and
48 exchange of security-related information to support the
49 detection, prevention, and response to cybersecurity incidents
50 consistent with s. 282.318.

51 (3) (a) The Florida Digital Service shall administer the
52 grant program based on objective eligibility and evaluation
53 criteria to provide information technology commodities and
54 services directly to local governments for the purpose of
55 developing and enhancing cybersecurity risk management programs
56 consistent with s. 282.3185.

57 (b) The Florida Digital Service shall contract for
58 information technology commodities and services and shall award
59 such commodities and services to local governments eligible
60 under the grant program criteria.

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

64 (d) Grants shall be awarded to eligible local governments
65 by December 1 of each year.

66 (e) A local government may purchase information technology
67 commodities and services from the contracts managed by the
68 Florida Digital Service to administer this section even if it
69 does not apply for or receive a grant award. The local
70 government shall be solely responsible for all costs associated
71 with such purchases.

72 (f) Beginning December 15, 2027, and each year thereafter,
73 the Florida Digital Service shall prepare and submit to the
74 Governor's Office of Policy and Budget and the chairs of the
75 legislative appropriations committees a report on the

76 implementation and outcomes of the grant program for the
77 preceding fiscal year. The report must include:

78 1. The total number of grant applications received and
79 number and dollar amount of grants awarded, as well as the
80 number of applications denied, withdrawn, or deemed ineligible.

81 2. A list of the local governments awarded a grant,
82 identifying the cybersecurity commodities or services funded by
83 each grant and their purpose.

84 3. A description of federal and other funds received and
85 used in furtherance of the grant program.

86 (4) The Florida Digital Service may apply for and accept
87 any funds or grants made available to it by any agency or
88 department of the Federal Government to further the grant
89 program.

90 (5) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2031,
91 unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the
92 Legislature.

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