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The Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development (Bernard) recommended the following:

1 **Senate Amendment to Amendment (528986) (with title
2 amendment)**

3 Delete lines 26 - 86

4 and insert:

5 this program statewide to all NCAE-C-designated state
6 universities, Florida College System institutions, and private
7 postsecondary educational institutions will accelerate the
8 development of a highly qualified, clearance-ready,
9 cybersecurity workforce. This expanded capacity to develop a



more qualified cybersecurity workforce is necessary to both close existing gaps and keep pace with the growing demand for cybersecurity talent within this state.

(2) (a) The Legislature intends to establish the Cybersecurity Experiential Learning Program across all NCAE-C-designated state universities, Florida College System institutions, and private postsecondary educational institutions, beginning in the 2026-2027 academic year.

(b) The Legislature further intends to sustain the program through the 2030-2031 academic year and establish clear metrics and reporting requirements to measure the impact on this state's workforce and national security posture.

(3) Subject to appropriation, the Cybersecurity Experiential Learning Program is created within the Department of Commerce. The department shall enter into an agreement with the Florida Center for Cybersecurity (Cyber Florida) at the University of South Florida to implement the program in collaboration with all NCAE-C-designated state universities, Florida College System institutions, and private postsecondary educational institutions.

(4) The program shall include all of the following components:

(a) Increasing the number of experiential cyber risk analyst internships statewide by using an instrumented platform of automated assessments with employers based in this state in the defense, finance, health care, transportation, utility, and critical infrastructure sectors.

(b) Providing intern-supporting organizations with actionable, prioritized analytics, reporting, and risk



40 mitigation action plans to enhance cyber resilience across this
41 state.

42 (c) Delivering a federal security clearance readiness
43 curriculum, including comprehensive background check
44 preparation, national security information and protection
45 training, clearance application preparation and vetting, and
46 mentoring for selected participants.

47 (d) Providing CompTIA Security+ certification training and
48 examination for selected participants.

49 (e) Coordinating with state, federal, and private sector
50 partners to facilitate placement of graduates in high demand
51 cybersecurity roles.

52 (f) Providing access to data sets for statewide cyber
53 assessments, research, and development.

54 (5) Beginning in the 2026-2027 academic year, the program
55 must be available at all currently NCAE-C-designated state
56 universities, Florida College System institutions, and private
57 postsecondary educational institutions.

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59 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====
60 And the title is amended as follows:

61 Delete lines 121 - 130

62 and insert:

63 appropriation; requiring the department to enter into
64 an agreement with the Florida Center for Cybersecurity
65 (Cyber Florida) to implement the program in
66 collaboration with specified universities and
67 institutions; requiring that the program include
68 specified components; requiring that the program be



69 available at specified universities and institutions
70 beginning in a specified academic year; requiring the