



721228

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
Comm: WD	.	
02/04/2026	.	
	.	
	.	
	.	

---

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

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

Delete lines 26 - 86  
and insert:

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



721228

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



721228

mitigation action plans to enhance cyber resilience across this state.

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

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

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

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

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

===== T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T =====

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 121 - 130

and insert:

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



721228

69  
70

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