

The Florida Senate

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<u>Title XIX</u> PUBLIC BUSINESS	<u>Chapter 282</u> COMMUNICATIONS AND DATA PROCESSING <u>Entire Chapter</u>	SECTION 3185 Local government cybersecurity.
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282.3185 Local government cybersecurity. —

- (1) **SHORT TITLE.** — This section may be cited as the “Local Government Cybersecurity Act.”
- (2) **DEFINITION.** — As used in this section, the term “local government” means any county or municipality.
- (3) **CYBERSECURITY TRAINING.** —
- (a) The Florida Digital Service shall:
1. Develop a basic cybersecurity training curriculum for local government employees. All local government employees with access to the local government’s network must complete the basic cybersecurity training within 30 days after commencing employment and annually thereafter.
 2. Develop an advanced cybersecurity training curriculum for local governments which is consistent with the cybersecurity training required under s. [282.318\(3\)\(g\)](#). All local government technology professionals and employees with access to highly sensitive information must complete the advanced cybersecurity training within 30 days after commencing employment and annually thereafter.
- (b) The Florida Digital Service may provide the cybersecurity training required by this subsection in collaboration with the Cybercrime Office of the Department of Law Enforcement, a private sector entity, or an institution of the State University System.
- (4) **CYBERSECURITY STANDARDS.** —
- (a) Each local government shall adopt cybersecurity standards that safeguard its data, information technology, and information technology resources to ensure availability, confidentiality, and integrity. The cybersecurity standards must be consistent with generally accepted best practices for cybersecurity, including the National Institute of Standards and Technology Cybersecurity Framework.
- (b) Each county with a population of 75,000 or more must adopt the cybersecurity standards required by this subsection by January 1, 2024. Each county with a population of less than 75,000 must adopt the cybersecurity standards required by this subsection by January 1, 2025.
- (c) Each municipality with a population of 25,000 or more must adopt the cybersecurity standards required by this subsection by January 1, 2024. Each municipality with a population of less than 25,000 must adopt the cybersecurity standards required by this subsection by January 1, 2025.
- (d) Each local government shall notify the Florida Digital Service of its compliance with this subsection as soon as possible.
- (5) **INCIDENT NOTIFICATION.** —
- (a) A local government shall provide notification of a cybersecurity incident or ransomware incident to the Cybersecurity Operations Center, Cybercrime Office of the Department of Law Enforcement, and sheriff who has jurisdiction over the local government in accordance with paragraph (b). The notification must include, at a minimum, the following information:
1. A summary of the facts surrounding the cybersecurity incident or ransomware incident.
 2. The date on which the local government most recently backed up its data; the physical location of the backup, if the backup was affected; and if the backup was created using cloud computing.
 3. The types of data compromised by the cybersecurity incident or ransomware incident.
 4. The estimated fiscal impact of the cybersecurity incident or ransomware incident.
 5. In the case of a ransomware incident, the details of the ransom demanded.

6. A statement requesting or declining assistance from the Cybersecurity Operations Center, the Cybercrime Office of the Department of Law Enforcement, or the sheriff who has jurisdiction over the local government.

(b)1. A local government shall report all ransomware incidents and any cybersecurity incident determined by the local government to be of severity level 3, 4, or 5 as provided in s. [282.318](#)(3)(c) to the Cybersecurity Operations Center, the Cybercrime Office of the Department of Law Enforcement, and the sheriff who has jurisdiction over the local government as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours after discovery of the cybersecurity incident and no later than 12 hours after discovery of the ransomware incident. The report must contain the information required in paragraph (a).

2. The Cybersecurity Operations Center shall notify the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of any severity level 3, 4, or 5 incident as soon as possible but no later than 12 hours after receiving a local government's incident report. The notification must include a high-level description of the incident and the likely effects.

(c) A local government may report a cybersecurity incident determined by the local government to be of severity level 1 or 2 as provided in s. [282.318](#)(3)(c) to the Cybersecurity Operations Center, the Cybercrime Office of the Department of Law Enforcement, and the sheriff who has jurisdiction over the local government. The report shall contain the information required in paragraph (a).

(d) The Cybersecurity Operations Center shall provide a consolidated incident report on a quarterly basis to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Florida Cybersecurity Advisory Council. The report provided to the Florida Cybersecurity Advisory Council may not contain the name of any local government, network information, or system identifying information but must contain sufficient relevant information to allow the Florida Cybersecurity Advisory Council to fulfill its responsibilities as required in s. [282.319](#)(9).

(6) AFTER-ACTION REPORT.— A local government must submit to the Florida Digital Service, within 1 week after the remediation of a cybersecurity incident or ransomware incident, an after-action report that summarizes the incident, the incident's resolution, and any insights gained as a result of the incident. By December 1, 2022, the Florida Digital Service shall establish guidelines and processes for submitting an after-action report.

History.— s. 3, ch. 2022-220.

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