

ASSEMBLY STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 1450

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Assembly State and Local Government Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1450.

This bill requires the Office of Information Technology in the Department of the Treasury to provide minimum information security standards and guidelines that are to be followed by State agencies. In the course of governance, agencies often collect and use personal or confidential information. Because personal and confidential information are vulnerable to unauthorized access and disclosure, it is important that such information is protected by physical and cyber security.

The bill also requires that local governments and boards of education follow the Office of Information Technology's guidelines or use other standards and guidelines that protect information commensurate with the information's sensitivity. The bill authorizes and encourages the Judiciary to follow the Office of Information Technology's guidelines or use other standards and guidelines that protect information commensurate with the information's sensitivity.

The bill will take effect immediately upon passage. However, 180 days are given for the State and local governments to implement the requirements of the bill.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2022-2023 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.