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SYNOPSIS

Requires each principal department in Executive Branch and each State college to conduct review of department's or college's cybersecurity infrastructure and make recommendations.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning a review of the State's cybersecurity
2 infrastructure.

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4 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. The head of each principal department in the Executive
8 Branch of State government and the head of each State college, as
9 the case may be, shall conduct an internal review of the department's
10 or college's cybersecurity infrastructure.

11 As used in this act, "State college" means any college or university
12 established pursuant to chapter 64 of Title 18A of the New Jersey
13 Statutes.

14 b. In the department's or college's internal review, the head of
15 each principal department in the Executive Branch of State
16 government or the head of each State college, as the case may be, at
17 a minimum, shall:

18 (1) evaluate the efficiency and security of the current cyber
19 infrastructure of the department or college;

20 (2) identify any high-risk cybersecurity issues facing the
21 department or college;

22 (3) offer strategies on how the department or college can improve
23 and modernize its cybersecurity infrastructure, including its
24 computer systems, networks, and software and hardware programs;
25 and

26 (4) provide any proposed changes to laws, regulations, or policies
27 concerning cybersecurity in this State that the department or college
28 finds appropriate to modify.

29 c. The head of each principal department in the Executive
30 Branch of State government or the head of each State college, as the
31 case may be, shall report the findings and recommendations from the
32 internal review to the Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of
33 P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature no later than 45
34 days following the effective date of this act, P.L. , c. (pending
35 before the Legislature as this bill).

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37 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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40 STATEMENT

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42 This bill requires each principal department in Executive Branch
43 and each State college to conduct review of department's or college's
44 cybersecurity infrastructure and make recommendations. The bill
45 requires the head of each principal department in the Executive
46 Branch of State government or the head of each State college, as the
47 case may be, at a minimum, to:

- 1 (1) evaluate the efficiency and security of the current cyber
- 2 infrastructure of the department or college;
- 3 (2) identify any high-risk cybersecurity issues facing the
- 4 department or college;
- 5 (3) offer strategies on how the department or college can improve
- 6 and modernize its cybersecurity infrastructure, including its
- 7 computer systems, networks, and software and hardware programs;
- 8 and
- 9 (4) provide any proposed changes to laws, regulations, or policies
- 10 concerning cybersecurity in this State that the department or college
- 11 finds appropriate to modify.
- 12 The bill also requires the head of each principal department in the
- 13 Executive Branch or the head of each State college, as the case may
- 14 be, to report the findings and recommendations from the internal
- 15 review to the Governor and the Legislature no later than 45 days
- 16 following the effective date of the bill.