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SYNOPSIS

Concerns information security standards and guidelines for State and local government.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning information security standards and guidelines
2 for State and local government, supplementing P.L.2007, c.56
3 (C.52:18A-219 et seq.), P.L.2007 c.63 (C.40A:5-48 et al.),
4 chapter 36 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes, and chapter 1
5 of Title 2B of the New Jersey Statutes.

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7 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
8 of New Jersey:

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10 1. The Office of Information Technology, in partnership with
11 relevant Executive Branch offices, shall provide minimum
12 information security standards and guidelines that Executive Branch
13 departments, agencies, and other instrumentalities of the Executive
14 Branch shall follow to protect against unauthorized access to,
15 alteration, disclosure, or destruction of information and information
16 systems.

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18 2. A county, municipality, subdivision or instrumentality
19 thereof shall:

20 a. follow the Office of Information Technology's minimum
21 standards and guidelines for the protection against unauthorized
22 access to, alteration, disclosure, or destruction of information and
23 information systems that are established for the Executive Branch,
24 pursuant to section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
25 Legislature as this bill); or

26 b. ensure that its own standards and guidelines protecting
27 against unauthorized access to, alteration, disclosure, or destruction
28 of information and information systems are commensurate with the
29 information's sensitivity.

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31 3. A board of education shall:

32 a. follow the Office of Information Technology's minimum
33 standards and guidelines for the protection against unauthorized
34 access to, alteration, disclosure, or destruction of information and
35 information systems that are established for the Executive Branch,
36 pursuant to section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
37 Legislature as this bill); or

38 b. ensure that its own standards and guidelines protecting
39 against unauthorized access to, alteration, disclosure, or destruction
40 of information and information systems are commensurate with the
41 information's sensitivity.

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43 4. The Administrative Director of the courts, as approved by
44 the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, is authorized and
45 encouraged to:

46 a. ensure that courts in this State follow the Office of
47 Information Technology's minimum standards and guidelines for
48 the protection against unauthorized access to, alteration, disclosure,

1 or destruction of information and information systems that are
2 established for the Executive Branch, pursuant to section 1 of
3 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill);
4 or

5 b. ensure that courts in this State have standards and guidelines
6 to protect against unauthorized access to, alteration, disclosure, or
7 destruction of information and information systems commensurate
8 with the information's sensitivity.

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10 5. This act shall take effect immediately, but shall remain
11 inoperative for 180 days following the date of enactment.

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STATEMENT

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

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

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