

Introduced by

Political Subdivisions Committee

(At the request of the Information Technology Department)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 54-59-01 and 54-59-05 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to cybersecurity.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-59-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **54-59-01. Definitions.**

7 As used in this chapter:

8 1. "Agency" or "entity" does not include any agricultural commodity promotion group or
9 any occupational or professional board.

10 2. "Cybersecurity" means processes or capabilities, wherein, systems, communications,
11 and information are protected and defended against damage, unauthorized use or
12 modification, and exploitation.

13 3. "Department" means the information technology department.

14 ~~3.4.~~ "Information technology" means the use of hardware, software, services, and
15 supporting infrastructure to manage and deliver information using voice, data, and
16 video.

17 ~~4.5.~~ "Network services" means the equipment, software, and services necessary to
18 transmit voice, data, or video.

19 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-59-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is
20 amended and reenacted as follows:

21 **54-59-05. Powers and duties of department. (Effective through July 31, 2023)**

22 The department:

- 1 1. Shall provide, supervise, and regulate information technology of all executive branch
2 state entities, excluding the institutions under the control of the board of higher
3 education.
- 4 2. Shall provide network services in a way that ensures the network requirements of a
5 single entity do not adversely affect the functionality of the whole network, facilitates
6 open communications with the citizens of the state, minimizes the state's investment in
7 human resources, accommodates an ever-increasing amount of traffic, supports rapid
8 detection and resolution of problems, protects the network infrastructure from damage
9 and security breaches, provides for the aggregation of data, voice, video, and
10 multimedia into a statewide transport mechanism or backbone, and provides for the
11 network support for the entity to carry out its mission.
- 12 3. May review and approve additional network services that are not provided by the
13 department.
- 14 4. May purchase, finance the purchase, or lease equipment, software, or implementation
15 services or replace, including by trade or resale, equipment or software as may be
16 necessary to carry out this chapter. With the exception of agreements entered related
17 to the statewide interoperable radio network, an agreement to finance the purchase of
18 software, equipment, or implementation services may not exceed a period of five
19 years. The department shall submit any intended financing proposal for the purchase
20 of software, equipment, or implementation services under this subsection, which is in
21 excess of one million dollars, to the budget section of the legislative management or
22 the legislative assembly before executing a financing agreement. If the budget section
23 or the legislative assembly does not approve the execution of a financing agreement,
24 the department may not proceed with the proposed financing arrangement. With the
25 exception of financing for the statewide interoperable radio network, the department
26 may finance the purchase of software, equipment, or implementation services only to
27 the extent the purchase amount does not exceed seven and one-half percent of the
28 amount appropriated to the department during that biennium.
- 29 5. Shall review requests for lease, purchase, or other contractual acquisition of
30 information technology as required by this subsection. Each executive branch agency
31 or institution, excluding the institutions under the control of the board of higher

- 1 education, shall submit to the department, in accordance with guidelines established
2 by the department, a written request for the lease, purchase, or other contractual
3 acquisition of information technology. The department shall review requests for
4 conformance with the requesting entity's information technology plan and compliance
5 with statewide policies and standards. If the request is not in conformance or
6 compliance, the department may disapprove the request or require justification for the
7 departure from the plan or statewide policy or standard.
- 8 6. Shall provide information technology, including assistance and advisory service, to the
9 executive, legislative, and judicial branches. If the department is unable to fulfill a
10 request for service from the legislative or judicial branch, the information technology
11 may be procured by the legislative or judicial branch within the limits of legislative
12 appropriations.
- 13 7. Shall request and review information, including project startup information
14 summarizing the project description, project objectives, business need or problem,
15 cost-benefit analysis, and project risks and a project closeout information summarizing
16 the project objectives achieved, project budget and schedule variances, and lessons
17 learned, regarding any major information technology project of an executive branch
18 agency. The department shall present the information to the information technology
19 committee on request of the committee.
- 20 8. May request and review information regarding any information technology project of
21 an executive branch agency with a total cost of between one hundred thousand and
22 five hundred thousand dollars as determined necessary by the department. The
23 department shall present the information to the information technology committee on
24 request of the committee.
- 25 9. Shall study emerging technology and evaluate its impact on the state's system of
26 information technology.
- 27 10. Shall develop guidelines for reports to be provided by each agency of the executive,
28 legislative, and judicial branches, excluding the institutions under the control of the
29 board of higher education, on information technology in those entities.

- 1 11. Shall collaborate with the state board of higher education on guidelines for reports to
2 be provided by institutions under control of the state board of higher education on
3 information technology in those entities.
- 4 12. Shall perform all other duties necessary to carry out this chapter.
- 5 13. May provide wide area network services to a state agency, city, county, school district,
6 or other political subdivision of this state. The information technology department may
7 not provide wide area network service to any private, charitable, or nonprofit entity
8 except the information technology department may continue to provide the wide area
9 network service the department provided to the private, charitable, and nonprofit
10 entities receiving services from the department on January 1, 2003.
- 11 14. Shall assure proper measures for security, firewalls, and internet protocol addressing
12 at the state's interface with other facilities.
- 13 15. Notwithstanding subsection 13, may provide wide area network services for a period
14 not to exceed four years to an occupant of a technology park associated with an
15 institution of higher education or to a business located in a business incubator
16 associated with an institution of higher education.
- 17 16. Shall advise, and oversee, and regulate cybersecurity strategy for all executive branch
18 state agencies, including institutions under the control of the state board of higher
19 education, counties, cities, and school districts in the state, or other political
20 subdivisions. For purposes of this subsection, the department shall consult with the
21 attorney general on cybersecurity strategy.
- 22 17. Shall advise and consult with the legislative and judicial branches regarding
23 cybersecurity strategy.

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