

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to: N/A
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act: HB2

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: This bill amends the Cybersecurity Act to expand the scope of the Office of Cybersecurity's responsibility for IT infrastructure for all entities connected to a state-operated or state-owned telecommunications network, rather than only networks operated or owned by a state agency. It further adjusts the membership of the Cybersecurity Advisory Committee.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

OBAE is currently subject to the Cybersecurity Act. There will be no fiscal impact on the operations of our agency.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

OBAE launched the Statewide Education Network (SEN) in 2024. The SEN is funded by a combination of federal and state funding, and will connect all interested public schools and public libraries together to scalable, reliable, affordable, and secure internet. The SEN also serves as the foundation for the state-coordinated "middle mile," or "broadband highway." As currently configured, the SEN does not connect to any network operated by DoIT for state agencies.

OBAE has retained experts to develop a SEN cybersecurity framework that aligns with the State Cybersecurity Plan, and includes fully managed DDOS, IPS, and IDS to ensure the broadband being delivered on the SEN is safe.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

OBAE has ensured the SEN cybersecurity framework aligns with the State Cybersecurity Plan, and continues to collaborate with the OCS on all cybersecurity matters. There will be no impact on OBAE's operations.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None.

ALTERNATIVES

None.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The status quo will remain, and only State Agencies will be subject to the Cybersecurity Act.

AMENDMENTS

None.