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# A Bill

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS SELF-  
10 FUNDED CYBER RESPONSE PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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15 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS  
16 SELF-FUNDED CYBER RESPONSE PROGRAM.  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 21-2-803 is amended to read as follows:

21 21-2-803. Definitions.

22 As used in this subchapter:

23 (1) "County" means any county of this state;

24 (2) "Cyber response contact" means a person or entity designated  
25 by the Arkansas Cyber Response Board to be the initial contact for a  
26 participating governmental entity that is the subject of a cyberattack;

27 ~~(3)(A) "Cyber response panel" means a group of entities, each of~~  
28 ~~which has been procured through state procurement and approved by the board,~~  
29 ~~which can be activated by the cyber response contact to assist the~~  
30 ~~participating governmental entity with forensic analysis, restoration~~  
31 ~~guidance, and other board authorized assistance following a cyberattack.~~

32 ~~(B) "Cyber response panel" may include an entity that is~~  
33 ~~owned or managed by the government;~~

34 ~~(4)~~ "Higher education entity" means a:

35 (A) State-supported college, university, technical  
36 college, community college, or other institution of higher education; or



1 (B) Department, division, or agency of a state institution  
 2 of higher education;

3 ~~(5)~~(4) "Money" means:

4 (A) Currency, coins, and bank notes in current use and  
 5 having a face value; and

6 (B) Travelers' checks, register checks, and money orders  
 7 held for sale to the general public;

8 ~~(6)~~(5) "Municipality" means:

9 (A) A city of the first class;

10 (B) A city of the second class; or

11 (C) An incorporated town;

12 ~~(7)~~(6) "Participating governmental entity" means a:

13 (A) County;

14 (B) Municipality; or

15 (C) School district;

16 ~~(8)~~(7) "Property other than money and securities" means any  
 17 tangible property, other than money and securities, that has intrinsic value;  
 18 and

19 ~~(9)~~(8) "School district" means a school district or open-  
 20 enrollment public charter school in this state.

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 22 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 21-2-804(a), concerning the establishment  
 23 of the Arkansas Self-Funded Cyber Response Program, is amended to add an  
 24 additional subdivision to read as follows:

25 (4) The program shall be:

26 (A) Secondary to any insurance a participating  
 27 governmental entity may have; and

28 (B) Used to reimburse a participating governmental entity  
 29 for losses as detailed in this subchapter.

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 31 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 21-2-804(e), concerning the scope of  
 32 coverage of the Arkansas Self-Funded Cyber Response Program, is repealed.

33 ~~(e) A participating governmental entity is legally liable for damages~~  
 34 ~~as a result of:~~

35 ~~(1) The deprivation or violation of a civil right of an~~  
 36 ~~individual by a public official or public employee; or~~

~~(2) The tortious conduct of a public official or public employee.~~

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 21-2-805(a)(2), concerning the Arkansas Cyber Response Board, is amended to read as follows:

(2) The member under subdivision ~~(a)(1)(F)~~ (a)(1)(E) of this section shall be a nonvoting board member.

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 21-2-805(b), concerning the Arkansas Cyber Response Board, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The board shall:

(1)(A) Establish a definition of a cyberattack that will be covered under the Arkansas Self-Funded Cyber Response Program based on industry standards.

(B) The definition of a cyberattack established under subdivision (b)(1)(A) of this section shall be reviewed annually and updated as necessary by the board;

(2) Establish minimum cybersecurity standards for participating governmental entities;

(3) Determine a maximum amount of program coverage, not to exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), for participating governmental entities that have not met the minimum cybersecurity standards established by the board under this section;

~~(4) Create a cyber response panel;~~

~~(5)(A)(4)(A)~~ Designate a cyber response contact.

~~(B) The cyber response contact may select an entity from the cyber response panel to assist with forensic analysis, restoration guidance, and other board authorized assistance to the participating governmental entity.~~

~~(C)~~ The cyber response contact shall provide to the board:

(i) Prompt notice detailing the cyberattack; and

(ii) A detailed report of the action that is being taken; and

~~(6)(5)~~ Promulgate rules and procedures regarding utilization of the program by participating governmental entities to generally align with the following procedures:

(A) Upon discovery of a cyberattack, a participating

1 governmental entity shall notify the cyber response contact designated by the  
2 board;

3 (B)(i) The cyber response contact shall make a determination  
4 of program coverage in consultation with the board, if feasible.

5 (ii) If consultation with the board is not feasible  
6 under subdivision ~~(b)(6)(B)(i)~~ (b)(5)(B)(i) of this section due to the timing  
7 of the cyberattack, then the cyber response contact shall review and evaluate  
8 criteria established by the board to make a determination of program  
9 coverage;

10 (C) The cyber response contact shall notify the board once  
11 the cyber response contact has made a determination of program coverage; and

12 (D) Any other procedures that the board deems necessary to  
13 carry out this subchapter.

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