

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 75

BY SENATOR HODGES

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY. Provides for reimbursement to the state for cyber reinforcement support provided to noncompliant recipients. (8/1/26)

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 29:726(E)(31), relative to the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness; to provide for authority and responsibilities; to require the office to perform certain functions or to assign functions to another state agency or department; to provide for promulgation of rules establishing cybersecurity standards applicable to local governmental subdivisions and political subdivisions that seek state assistance in response to a cybersecurity incident; to authorize promulgation of certain emergency rules; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 29:726(E)(31) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§726. Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness;
authority and responsibilities

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E. The office shall either directly or through authorized assignment to another state agency or department:

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(31) Promulgate rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure

1 Act establishing cybersecurity standards applicable to local governmental
 2 subdivisions and political subdivisions that seek state assistance in response to
 3 a cybersecurity incident.

4 (a) The rules shall at a minimum establish cybersecurity standards for
 5 technical management practices that assure cybersecurity compliance with
 6 national cybersecurity standards and set forth eligibility requirements for
 7 receiving state assistance in response to a cybersecurity incident.

8 (b) Nothing in this Paragraph shall be construed to prevent the
 9 Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness from
 10 entering into a contract to provide services to a local governmental subdivision
 11 or political subdivision that is not in compliance with the cybersecurity
 12 standards promulgated pursuant to this Paragraph. Reimbursement of costs
 13 associated with these services shall be the obligation of the noncompliant local
 14 governmental subdivision or political subdivision.

15 (c) The office may promulgate emergency rules to provide for the initial
 16 implementation of the provisions of this Paragraph.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

DIGEST

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Present law provides for the authority and responsibilities of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP).

Present law requires GOHSEP to perform certain functions either directly or through authorized assignment to another state agency or department.

Proposed law requires GOHSEP to promulgate rules in accordance with the APA establishing cybersecurity standards applicable to local governmental subdivisions and political subdivisions that seek state assistance in response to a cybersecurity incident.

Proposed law requires the rules to establish at a minimum cybersecurity standards for technical management practices that assure cybersecurity compliance with national cybersecurity standards and set forth eligibility requirements for receiving state assistance in response to a cybersecurity incident.

Proposed law prohibits construction of proposed law that would prevent GOHSEP from entering into a contract to provide services to a local governmental subdivision or political subdivision that is not in compliance with the cybersecurity standards promulgated pursuant to proposed law.

Proposed law requires reimbursement of costs associated with certain services be the obligation of the noncompliant local governmental subdivision or political subdivision.

Proposed law authorizes the office to use the emergency rulemaking process for the promulgation of the initial administrative rules authorized by proposed law.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 29:726(E)(31))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the original bill

1. Make technical changes.