

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Energy and Technology to which was referred House
3 Bill No. 692 entitled “An act relating to providing mandatory cybersecurity
4 awareness training to municipal employees” respectfully reports that it has
5 considered the same and recommends that the bill be amended by striking out
6 all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 3 V.S.A. § 3305 is added to read:

8 § 3305. MUNICIPAL CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS TRAINING

9 (a) Inventory and notice.

10 (1) On July 1 each year, the Secretary of Digital Services shall inventory
11 and identify any municipality that has access to add, delete, update, or change
12 data in a State-operated information technology system.

13 (2) Not more than 30 days after the Secretary completes the inventory,
14 the Agency of Digital Services shall send a notice to a municipality identified
15 in subdivision (1) of this subsection stating that any employee who accesses a
16 State-operated information technology system is required to complete the
17 training described in subsection (b) of this section.

18 (b) Cybersecurity awareness training.

19 (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this section, the Agency of
20 Digital Services shall provide annual cybersecurity awareness training, which

1 shall be offered online, to the employees of any municipality identified in
2 subdivision (a)(1) of this section.

3 (2) The Office of the Secretary of State shall provide cybersecurity
4 awareness training to a town clerk or assistant clerk in connection with the
5 statutory election responsibilities of a town clerk’s office. In consultation with
6 the Secretary of Digital Services the training, at a minimum, shall be inclusive
7 of and consistent with the training described in subdivision (1) of this section.
8 A town clerk or assistant clerk who completes the cybersecurity awareness
9 training provided by the Office of the Secretary of State is not required to
10 complete the training described in subdivision (1) of this section.

11 (c) Compliance.

12 (1) A municipality’s employees shall be enrolled in the training
13 described in subsection (b) of this section not more than 90 days after receipt
14 of the notice described in subdivision (a)(2) of this section. If a municipality’s
15 employee does not complete training within one year after the date of
16 enrollment in the training, and annually thereafter, the Agency of Digital
17 Services shall prohibit the noncompliant employee from accessing any State-
18 operated system until the municipality can provide documentation that the
19 employee has completed training.

20 (2) Notwithstanding subdivision (1) of this subsection, no town clerk or
21 assistant clerk shall be denied access to any State-operated system that the

1 town clerk’s office is required to access as part of its statutory election
2 responsibilities.

3 (d) Report. The Agency of Digital Services shall include in its annual
4 report described in section 3303 of this title the cost of the inventory and
5 training described in this section.

6 Sec. 2. FY 2021; CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS TRAINING;

7 APPROPRIATION

8 The amount of \$250,000.00 in general funds is appropriated to the Agency
9 of Digital Services in FY 2021 for the program described in Sec. 1 of this act.

10 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

11 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

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15 (Committee vote: _____)

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Representative _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE