

SECRETARY OF STATE'S PROPOSED AMENDMENT 2/14/2020

H.692 - An act relating to providing mandatory cybersecurity awareness training to municipal employees

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

§ 3305. MUNICIPAL CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS TRAINING;

(a) Inventory and notice.

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

(2) Not more than 30 days after the Secretary completes the inventory, the Agency shall send a notice to a municipality identified in subdivision (1) of this subsection that it is required to complete the training described in subsection (b) of this section.

(b) Cybersecurity awareness training. For any municipality identified in subdivision (a)(1) of this section, the State shall provide cybersecurity awareness training to the municipality's employees accessing the State-owned information technology systems.

(c) Compliance. A municipality shall complete the training described in subsection (b) of this section not more than 90 days after receipt of the notice described in subdivision (a)(2) of this section. If a municipality does not complete the training before the 90-day period is complete, the State shall prohibit the municipality from accessing any State-owned system until the municipality can provide documentation that the municipality's employees have received training. Notwithstanding the above,

(d) Town clerks and their assistants who complete cybersecurity awareness training provided by the Secretary of State's Office as part of their election responsibilities shall be deemed compliant under section (c). The Secretary of State's Office shall consult with the Agency of Digital Services to ensure consistent training. No town clerk or assistant clerk will be denied access to state systems they are required to access as part of their statutory election responsibilities.

(e) Report. The Agency shall include in its annual report described in section 3303 of this title the cost of the inventory and training described in this section.

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

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

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.