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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 56**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Government, Technology and Security

**Brief\***

House Sub. for SB 56 would create the Kansas Cybersecurity Act (Act) and would amend the membership of and the frequency of required meetings for the Information Technology Executive Council (ITEC).

***Definitions***

The bill would define various terms used throughout the Act.

***Chief Information Security Officer (CISO)***

The bill would establish the position of Executive Branch Chief Information Security Officer (CISO). The CISO would be an unclassified employee appointed by the Governor.

***Duties of the CISO***

Duties of the CISO would include the following:

- Report to the Executive Branch Chief Information Technology Officer (CITO);
- Serve as the State's CISO;

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\*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

- Serve as the Executive Branch chief cybersecurity strategist and authority on policies, compliance, procedures, guidance, and technologies impacting Executive Branch cybersecurity programs;
- Ensure Kansas Information Security Office resources assigned or provided to Executive Branch agencies are in compliance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations;
- Coordinate cybersecurity efforts among Executive Branch agencies;
- Provide guidance to Executive Branch agencies when compromise of personal information or computer resources has occurred or is likely to occur as the result of an identified high-risk vulnerability or threat; and
- Perform such other functions and duties as provided by law and as directed by the Executive Branch CITO.

### ***Kansas Information Security Office (KISO)***

The bill would establish the Kansas Information Security Office (KISO) to effect the provisions of the Act. For budgeting purposes, KISO would be a separate agency from the Department of Administration.

Under the direction of the CISO, the KISO would perform the following functions:

- Administer the Act;
- Assist the Executive Branch in developing, implementing, and monitoring strategic and comprehensive information security (IS) risk-management programs;

- Facilitate Executive Branch IS governance, including the consistent application of IS programs, plans, and procedures;
- Create and manage a unified and flexible framework to integrate and normalize requirements resulting from state and federal laws, rules, and regulations using standards adopted by the ITEC;
- Facilitate a metrics, logging, and reporting framework to measure the efficiency and effectiveness of the state IS programs;
- Provide the Executive Branch with strategic risk guidance for information technology (IT) projects, including the evaluation and recommendation of technical controls;
- Assist in the development of Executive Branch agency cybersecurity programs that are in compliance with relevant laws, rules, regulations, and standards adopted by ITEC;
- Coordinate the use of external resources involved in IS programs, including, but not limited to, interviewing and negotiating contracts and fees;
- Liaise with external agencies, such as law enforcement and other advisory bodies, as necessary to ensure a strong security posture;
- Assist in the development of plans and procedures to manage and recover business-critical services in the event of a cyberattack or other disaster;
- Assist Executive Branch agencies to create a framework for roles and responsibilities relating to information ownership, classification, accountability, and protection;

- Ensure a cybersecurity training program is provided to Executive Branch agencies;
- Provide cybersecurity threat briefings to ITEC;
- Provide an annual status report of Executive Branch cybersecurity programs to the Joint Committee on Information Technology and the House Committee on Government, Technology and Security; and
- Perform such other functions and duties as provided by law and as directed by the CISO.

#### ***Duties of Executive Branch Agency Heads***

The Act would direct Executive Branch agency heads to do the following:

- Be solely responsible for security of all data and IT resources under such agency's purview, irrespective of the location of the data or resources (locations of data may include agency sites, agency real property, infrastructure in state data centers, third-party locations, and in transit between locations);
- Ensure an agency-wide IS program is in place;
- Designate an IS officer to administer the agency's IS program who reports directly to executive leadership;
- Participate in CISO-sponsored statewide cybersecurity program initiatives and services;
- Implement policies and standards to ensure all the agency's data and IT resources are maintained in compliance with applicable state and federal laws, rules, and regulations;

- Implement appropriate cost-effective safeguards to reduce, eliminate, or recover from identified threats to data and IT resources;
- Include all appropriate cybersecurity requirements in the agency's request for proposal specifications for procuring data and IT systems and services;
- Submit a cybersecurity assessment report to the CISO by October 16 of each even-numbered year, including an executive summary of the findings, that assesses the extent to which of the agency's systems and devices specified in the Act are vulnerable to unauthorized access or harm and the extent to which electronically stored information is vulnerable to alteration, damage, erasure, or inappropriate use;
- Ensure the agency conducts annual internal assessments of its security programs. Such assessment results would be confidential and would not be subject to discovery or release to any person or agency outside of the KISO or CISO until July 1, 2023, unless the provision is reviewed and reenacted by the Legislature prior to that date;
- Prepare a summary of the cybersecurity assessment report, which would exclude information that might put data or information resources of the agency or its contractors at risk, to be made available to the public upon request;
- Participate in annual agency leadership training, which serves to ensure understanding of:
  - Information and information systems that support the operations and assets of the agency;
  - Potential impact of common types of cyberattacks and data breaches on the

entity's operations and assets, and how such attacks could impact the operations and assets of other governmental entities on the state network;

- How cyberattacks and data breaches occur;
  - Steps to be undertaken by the executive director or agency head and agency employees to protect their information and information systems; and
  - Annual reporting requirements of the executive director or agency head; and
- Ensure, if an agency owns, licenses, or maintains computerized data that includes personal information, confidential information, or information that is regulated by law regarding its disclosure, it shall, in the event of a breach or suspected breach of system security or an unauthorized exposure of that information, comply with the notification requirements as set by statute and federal law and rules and regulations to the same extent as a person who conducts business in the state of Kansas. The entity head would be required to notify the CISO and the Secretary of State (only if the breach involves election data) no later than 48 hours after the discovery of the breach or unauthorized exposure.

### ***Protection of Confidential and Personal Information***

The bill would allow an executive director or agency head, with input from the CISO, to require employees or contractors whose duties include collection, maintenance, or access to personal information to be fingerprinted and to submit to a state and national criminal history record check at least every five years. The bill would allow the information obtained from the background check to be used for purposes of verifying the person in question's identity and fitness to work in a position with access to personal information. Local

and state law enforcement would assist with fingerprinting and background checks pursuant to the Act, and would be allowed to charge a fee as reimbursement for expenses incurred.

Any information collected pursuant to the Act (including system information logs, vulnerability reports, risk assessment reports, system security plans, detailed system design plans, network or system diagrams, and audit reports) would be considered confidential by the Executive Branch agency and KISO unless all information has been redacted that would specifically identify a target, vulnerability, or weakness that would place the organization at risk. The provisions of this section would expire on July 1, 2023, unless reviewed and reenacted by the Legislature.

### ***Cybersecurity Fees***

Executive Branch agencies would be able to pay for cybersecurity services from existing budgets, from grants or other revenues, or through special assessments to offset costs. Any increase in fees or charges due to the Act would be used only for cybersecurity. The bill would allow services or transactions with an applied cybersecurity cost recovery fee to indicate the portion of the fee dedicated to cybersecurity on all receipts and transaction records.

### ***Changes to ITEC***

Membership of ITEC would decrease from 17 members to 15 members and would be further changed by:

- Removing the Secretary of Administration;
- Adding language to allow each of the two cabinet agency heads to appoint a designee;

- Modifying the number of non-cabinet agency heads from one to two, and allowing each to appoint a designee;
- Removing the Director of the Budget;
- Removing the Judicial Administrator of the Kansas Supreme Court;
- Modifying the representation of the Kansas Board of Regents from the Executive Director to the Chief Executive Officer, or the officer's designee;
- Removing the Commissioner of Education;
- Modifying the number of representatives of cities from two to one;
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- Removing the network manager of the Information Network of Kansas;
- Removing the representative from the private sector who is a chief executive officer or chief information technology officer;
- Adding one representative appointed by the Kansas Criminal Justice Information System Committee;
- Adding two members of the Joint Committee on Information Technology, one of whom would be appointed by the President of the Senate and the other would be appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate; and
- Adding two members of the House Committee on Government, Technology and Security, one of whom would be appointed by the Speaker of the



House of Representatives and the other would be appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

The bill would clarify that members could not appoint an individual to represent them on ITEC unless such individual is specified as a designee pursuant to the bill. The bill also would require ITEC to meet quarterly.

## **Background**

The House Committee on Government, Technology and Security created a substitute bill for SB 56 by removing its original contents related to filing requirements for campaign contribution reports and inserting the contents of HB 2359 and HB 2332. [Note: The original contents of SB 56 were inserted into 2017 HB 2158 and became effective on July 1, 2017.] Background information for HB 2359 and HB 2332 is provided below.

### ***HB 2359 (Agency IT Security)***

The bill was introduced during the 2017 Legislative Session by the House Committee on Government, Technology and Security at the request of the Office of Information Technology Services (OITS). During the 2017 Legislative Session, the House Committee removed the contents of HB 2359, relating to the creation of the Kansas Information Technology Enterprise, and inserted those contents into Sub. for HB 2331.

The 2018 House Committee created a substitute bill for HB 2359 by incorporating proposed language suggested by OITS, based on language included in 2018 Sub. for HB 2560. In the House Committee hearing on 2018 Sub. for HB 2560, representatives of OITS, the Department of Homeland Security, and the National Association of State Chief Information Officers testified in support of the bill. The representative of OITS stated the bill would codify in statute

KISO and the position of CISO which were created by Executive Order. Representatives of the the Kansas Board of Healing Arts, the Kansas Board of Nursing, the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System, and the Kansas State Board of Pharmacy testified as neutral conferees. No opponent testimony was provided.

No fiscal note was available when the House Committee recommended the substitute bill be passed.

***HB 2332 (ITEC Membership)***

HB 2332 was introduced during the 2017 Legislative Session by the House Committee on Government, Technology and Security. The bill, as introduced, related to divulging contents of an electronic communication or storage in a legal proceeding. A hearing was held on the bill in March 2017, but no further action was taken by the Committee.

On February 14, 2018, the House Committee removed the original contents of HB 2332 and inserted language proposed by OITS related to ITEC membership. A representative from OITS stated the changes to ITEC were being requested to increase its attendance and effectiveness.

No fiscal note for the substitute bill was available when the House Committee recommended it favorably for passage.