
HOUSE BILL 1467

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1 AN ACT Relating to encryption of data on state information
2 technology systems; and adding a new section to chapter 43.41A RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.41A
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) The office shall adopt data encryption standards with which
7 all state agencies must comply. These standards must include a
8 classification schedule for ranking data sensitivity, and all state
9 agencies must classify any data held on state networks according to
10 the schedule. The highest sensitivity data must be encrypted while at
11 rest on state data systems, and the chief information officer's
12 standards must also include technical requirements for encryption
13 that are appropriate to each other data classification.

14 (2) The office shall update and distribute the encryption
15 standards to state information technology directors annually, by the
16 end of each fiscal year, to reflect the changing state of information
17 technology. The annual distribution must include a timeline for
18 phase-in of any new technologies required under the updated
19 standards.

1 (3) The office may grant individual waivers to the policies
2 established under subsection (1) of this section in cases where
3 encryption is deemed unreasonably costly.

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