



## **S.F. No. 379 – State-funded county and city cybersecurity grant program establishment**

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**Section 1 [16E.351] State-funded county and city cybersecurity grant program.** Establishes a competitive grant program through which cities and counties can obtain state money to fund specified cybersecurity hardware, software, and services.

**Subd. 1. Grant account established.** Establishes a dedicated account in the special revenue fund and appropriates money in the account to the commissioner of information technology to award grants to counties and cities that lack resources to directly benefit from other federal and state cybersecurity plans and programs. Money in the account is available until expended.

**Subd. 2. Authorized purchases.** Lists allowed expenditures for money granted under this program. Allowed expenditures include specified cybersecurity hardware, software, and services.

**Subd. 3. Application for grant; assessment of program priorities and local need.** Requires the commissioner of information technology to establish an application process and standards for reviewing applications. Specifies considerations and criteria to use in reviewing and prioritizing applications.

**Subd. 4. Amount of initial grant; supplemental grants.** Authorizes grants up to \$25,000. Authorizes the commissioner of information technology to award supplemental grants up to 75 percent of the total cost of a proposed expenditure. Sets a cap of \$1,000,000 per city or county for awards under this program.

**Subd. 5. Grant accountability.** Requires grant recipients to report on the use of grant funds. Authorizes the commissioner of information technology, in consultation with the commissioner of administration, to set appropriate standards for grant tracking and accountability.

**Subd. 6. Report to legislature.** Requires the commissioner of information technology to report annually to the legislature on grants awarded under this program. Specifies information that must be included in the report.

**Sec. 2. State-Funded County and City Cybersecurity Grant Program; Appropriation.** Appropriates money from the general fund to the dedicated account established in section 1 for grants to counties and cities for cybersecurity hardware, software, and services.



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