

House Study Bill 16 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
ECONOMIC GROWTH AND
TECHNOLOGY BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON SORENSEN)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act modifying the definitions of essential county purpose
2 and essential corporate purpose to include cybersecurity
3 purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 331.441, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code
2 2023, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

3 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (21) The acquisition, development, and
4 improvement of county information systems to protect against
5 a cybersecurity event. For purposes of this subparagraph,
6 "*cybersecurity event*" means an event resulting in unauthorized
7 access to, or the disruption or misuse of, an information
8 system or of nonpublic information stored on an information
9 system. For purposes of this subparagraph, "*information system*"
10 means a discrete set of electronic information resources
11 organized for the collection, processing, maintenance, use,
12 sharing, dissemination, or disposition of electronic nonpublic
13 information, and any specialized system including but not
14 limited to a process controls system, a telephone switching
15 system, or an environmental control system.

16 Sec. 2. Section 384.24, subsection 3, Code 2023, is amended
17 by adding the following new paragraph:

18 NEW PARAGRAPH. y. The acquisition, development, and
19 improvement of city information systems to protect against
20 a cybersecurity event. For purposes of this paragraph,
21 "*cybersecurity event*" means an event resulting in unauthorized
22 access to, or the disruption or misuse of, an information
23 system or of nonpublic information stored on an information
24 system. For purposes of this paragraph, "*information system*"
25 means a discrete set of electronic information resources
26 organized for the collection, processing, maintenance, use,
27 sharing, dissemination, or disposition of electronic nonpublic
28 information, and any specialized system including but not
29 limited to a process controls system, a telephone switching
30 system, or an environmental control system.

31 EXPLANATION

32 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
33 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

34 This bill amends the definitions of "essential county
35 purpose" and "essential corporate purpose" to include the

1 acquisition, development, and improvement of information
2 systems to protect against a cybersecurity event. The bill
3 defines "cybersecurity event" as an event resulting in
4 unauthorized access to, or the disruption or misuse of, an
5 information system or of nonpublic information stored on an
6 information system, as defined in the bill.

7 Under Code chapters 331 and 384, the applicable county
8 or city may generally contract indebtedness and approve the
9 issuance of general obligation bonds to carry out an essential
10 county purpose or essential corporate purpose without approval
11 by voters at an election, while the issuance of general
12 obligation bonds to carry out a general county purpose or
13 general corporate purpose generally requires approval by voters
14 at an election.