

# SENATE BILL NO. 737

February 29, 2024, Introduced by Senator MCCANN and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to create a coordinated cybersecurity defense organization and security operations center for this state's public universities; to provide for the extension of the cybersecurity defense program to certain other public entities; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain state governmental officers and entities.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 1. This act may be cited as the "statewide higher  
2 education security operations center act".

1           Sec. 2. As used in this act:

2           (a) "Department" means the department of labor and economic  
3 opportunity.

4           (b) "Fund" means the statewide higher education security  
5 operations center fund created in section 4.

6           (c) "MiSOC" means the coordinated cybersecurity defense  
7 organization and security operations center described in section 3.

8           (d) "Participating public university" means a public  
9 university that participates in the development and oversight of  
10 MiSOC as described in section 3.

11           (e) "Public university" means a state university described in  
12 section 4, 5, or 6 of article VIII of the state constitution of  
13 1963.

14           Sec. 3. Participating public universities, in coordination  
15 with the nonprofit Merit Network, Inc., and with the support of the  
16 Michigan Association of State Universities, shall develop and  
17 oversee a coordinated cybersecurity defense organization and  
18 security operations center (MiSOC) that does all of the following:

19           (a) Successfully defends all participating public universities  
20 from cyberattacks with threat detection, prevention, and response  
21 capabilities that operate 24 hours a day, every day of the year,  
22 throughout a 3-year deployment and testing phase.

23           (b) Minimizes redundant institutional costs for cyber defense  
24 through scalable collaboration.

25           (c) Leverages collective academic expertise through academic  
26 programs and practicums.

27           (d) Establishes an interinstitutional core for cybersecurity  
28 research and intelligence.

29           (e) Creates a hub for teaching and learning through

1 cybersecurity internships, workshops, curriculum development, and  
2 on-the-job training.

3 (f) Drives this state's economic development through the  
4 training of cybersecurity professionals.

5 (g) Partners with Merit Network, Inc. and its unique position  
6 as the established network operator for higher education in this  
7 state.

8 (h) Operates at a scale to service additional public entities  
9 as described in subdivision (i).

10 (i) Following the first year of the MiSOC program, extends an  
11 offer to contract for MiSOC services to interested community  
12 colleges, intermediate school districts, public K-12 entities,  
13 public libraries, and other public entities.

14 Sec. 4. (1) The statewide higher education security operations  
15 center fund is created in the state treasury.

16 (2) The state treasurer shall deposit money and other assets  
17 received from any source in the fund. The state treasurer shall  
18 direct the investment of money in the fund and credit interest and  
19 earnings from the investments to the fund.

20 (3) The department is the administrator of the fund for audits  
21 of the fund.

22 (4) Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year does not  
23 lapse to the general fund.

24 (5) The department shall expend money from the fund on  
25 appropriation only to fund the initial startup and build out of  
26 MiSOC.