

Subject Information Technology as Critical Infrastructure

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Overview

This bill authorizes the governor to declare a peacetime emergency in response to a cyber attack, and adds references to physical or electronic attacks on the state's information and telecommunications technology infrastructure, systems, or services in a number of areas of the state's emergency management law.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Information and telecommunications technology systems and services. Defines the term "information and telecommunications technology systems and services." The definition conforms to the term as defined in the statutes that govern the operation of MN.IT.
2	Local government. Recodifies a definition of "local government."
3	Cyber attack. Defines the term "cyber attack." This term is used later in the bill.
4	Cooperation. Adds a reference to physical or electronic attacks on the state's information and telecommunications technology infrastructure, systems, or services in the existing law authorizing the governor to cooperate with other units of government or private agencies in matters pertaining to emergency management.
5	Declaration of peacetime emergency. Authorizes the governor to declare a peacetime emergency, with all existing associated powers and duties provided in law, in response to a cyber attack.

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	This section also reorganizes existing language related to the declaration of a peacetime emergency.
6	Reimbursement of other state. Adds references to the provision of aid to assist in the response to a physical or electronic attack on the state's information and telecommunications technology infrastructure, systems, or services in the existing statute providing for reimbursements when the aid comes from the personnel of another state.
7	Governor's powers to provide fast emergency aid. Adds references to the safety of the state's information and telecommunications technology infrastructure, systems, or services in the existing law authorizing the governor to enter contracts or incur other obligations necessary to respond to an emergency.
8	Repealer. Repeals a definition of "local government." This term is recodified with a new subdivision number earlier in the bill.



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