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The State(s) of Cyber Incentives-Creative Laws Driving Better Security



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Ohio Data Protection Act



Affirmative defense to a cause of action sounding in tort related to data breach

Applies to all businesses that implement a cybersecurity program that complies with specified regulatory frameworks found in the statute

Business Incentive

Acts as an incentive to encourage cybersecurity within the business community

<u>DOES NOT</u> create a minimum cybersecurity standard or private of action

NIST Cybersecurity Framework, 800-53, 53A, or 800-171

Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program (FEDRAMP)

Center for Internet Security Critical Security Controls (CIS CSC)

ISO/IEC 27000 Family

HIPAA Security Rule Subpart C or HITECH

GLBA Title V

Federal Information Security Modernization (FISMA)

Payment Card Industry standard (PCI) plus another listed framework

Ohio Data Protection Act (ODPA)

- (1) Create, maintain, and comply with a written cybersecurity program that contains administrative, technical, and physical safeguards for the protection of personal information and that reasonably conforms to an industry recognized cybersecurity framework; or
- (2) Create, maintain, and comply with a written cybersecurity program that contains administrative, technical, and physical safeguards for the protection of both personal information and restricted information and that reasonably conforms to an industry recognized cybersecurity framework.

Connecticut Public Act No. 21-119

An Act Incentivizing the Adoption of Cybersecurity Standards for Business--AKA
The Cybersecurity Standards Act

- Two Assumptions:
 - Cybersecurity is largely VOLUNTARY; and
 - Political non-starter to create a statutory minimum standard of
- Conclusion: we need to INCENTIVIZE the voluntary adoption of cyber best practices



Connecticut's Cybersecurity Standards Act

- Clear requirements to EARN incentive:
 - (A) Protect the security and confidentiality of such information;
 - (B) Protect against any threats or hazards to the security or integrity of such information; and
 - (C) Protect against unauthorized access to and acquisition of the information that would result in a material risk of identity theft.
- Flexible scale and scope:
 - (A) The size and complexity of the covered entity;
 - (B) the nature and scope of the activities of the covered entity;
 - (C) the sensitivity of the information to be protected; and
 - (D) the cost and availability of tools to improve information security and reduce vulnerabilities
- Industry frameworks for guidance:
 - The NIST framework, codified by Congress; and
 - The CIS Critical Security Controls, being adopted by industry (e.g., the Defense & Aerospace Industry; several U.S. states (e.g., Ohio & Utah); and around the world.

Benefits and Challenges of Incentive-Based Cybersecurity Laws

- What are the advantages/disadvantages of an incentivebased approach vs a mandatory law?
- How does the incorporation of risk frameworks like the CIS controls help organizations develop a practical and defensibly "reasonable" cybersecurity program?
- Can small businesses implement "compliant" programs?

A Security Framework or Program should help you

- How do I choose the most effective actions (based on data)?
- How do I get started? Is there an "on ramp"?
- How do I prioritize action?
- How do I measure progress; how do I compare to others?
- What value is there in what I already own (and do)?
- How do I learn from others? Where can I get training?
- How much can I automate?
- What vendors support this? How can I be sure?
- How does this relate to other frameworks?



Hypotheticals

- Cloud-based business based OH seeks advice on "complying" with the ODPA using CIS framework.
- Same business experiences a data breach resulting from a vulnerability that was identified as low risk during the risk assessment process. What happens under the ODPA? CT?
- Same business experiences a data breach resulting from a failure to adhere to the security program it developed. What happens under the ODPA? CT?

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