# **Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-1-423**

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**4-1-423. Cybersecurity — State payment of ransom prohibited — Incident reporting protocol.**

**(a)** A state entity shall not submit payment with an entity that has engaged in a cybersecurity incident on an information technology system by encrypting data and then subsequently offering to decrypt that data in exchange for a ransom payment.

**(b)** A state entity experiencing a ransom request in connection with a cybersecurity incident shall immediately notify and consult with the technology and innovation division of the Tennessee bureau of investigation.

**(c)** As used in this section, “state entity”:

**(1)** Means an agency, department, institution, board, commission, committee, division, bureau, officer, official, or other entity of the executive, judicial, or legislative branches of state government, including a public institution of higher education and all other entities for which this state has oversight responsibility; and

**(2)** Does not mean a vendor, contractor, insurance company, law firm, or other third party that has a contract, or does other business, with a state entity.

**History**

Acts 2024, ch. 534, § 1.

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