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**HOUSE  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

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*Introduced by: Karickhoff*

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1           A HOUSE RESOLUTION urging the Legislative Council  
2           to assign to an appropriate study committee the topic of the  
3           potential dangers of cyber hacking and ransomware attacks on  
4           state and local governments as well as the creation of a  
5           specialized Cyber-Technical Assistance Program at Purdue  
6           University to assist Indiana's local units of government with the  
7           implementation of cyber security measures.

8           *Whereas, PEW Research Center states that more than half*  
9           *of Americans have experienced a breach of data, and close to*  
10          *half of Americans, 49%, are not confident in the federal*  
11          *government protecting their data;*

12          *Whereas, Systems that are in place to protect everyday*  
13          *government operations, the safety of the public, and emergency*  
14          *responses are all at risk of cyberattacks such as ransomware or*  
15          *phishing schemes;*

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1       *Whereas, Ransomware is a type of software maliciously*  
 2       *designed to obstruct access to computer systems from the users,*  
 3       *until money has been paid to the hackers, many attacks start via*  
 4       *phishing emails, in which an email that appears normal*  
 5       *contains a corrupt file or link, and anyone using email is open*  
 6       *to these attacks;*

7       *Whereas, Several local units of government throughout the*  
 8       *nation have been affected by cyberattacks, leading Accelerate*  
 9       *Indiana Municipalities (AIM), the Association of Indiana*  
 10       *Counties (AIC), and the Indiana Association of County*  
 11       *Commissioners (IACC) to jointly support the creation of a*  
 12       *cyber technical assistance training program aimed at helping*  
 13       *local government officials and employees through Purdue*  
 14       *University; and*

15       *Whereas, Purdue University, a technology, engineering, and*  
 16       *computer science leader with a land grant mission has*  
 17       *proposed offering technical assistance to Indiana local*  
 18       *governments through cybersecurity assessments, training,*  
 19       *consulting, and reporting: Therefore,*

20               *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*  
 21               *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

22       SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives  
 23       urges the Legislative Council to assign the topic of the potential  
 24       dangers of cyber hacking, including ransomware in state and  
 25       local governments as well as the creation of a specialized  
 26       Cyber-Technical Assistance Program at Purdue University to  
 27       assist Indiana's local units of government with the  
 28       implementation of cybersecurity measures, to an appropriate  
 29       study committee.

30       SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
 31       Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to  
 32       Representative Karickhoff for distribution.

