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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

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8 An Act relating to cybersecurity; creating The
9 Oklahoma Hospital Cybersecurity Protection Act of
10 2023; providing definitions; creating requirements
11 for affirmative defense; recognizing industry
12 framework; providing for severability; providing for
13 codification; and providing an effective date.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2068 of Title 18, unless there
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 This act shall be known and may be cited as "The Oklahoma
19 Hospital Cybersecurity Protection Act of 2023".

20 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2069 of Title 18, unless there
22 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 As used in this act:

1 A. "Covered entity" means any hospital, as defined in Section
2 1-701 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes, whether for profit or
3 not-for-profit, which is owned, either in whole in or part, or is
4 managed in whole or in part, by hospitals whose business is subject
5 to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996,
6 Public Law 104-191.

7 B. "Data breach" means the unauthorized access and acquisition
8 of unencrypted and unredacted computerized data that compromises the
9 security or confidentiality of personal information or restricted
10 information maintained by a covered entity as part of a database of
11 personal information or restricted information regarding multiple
12 individuals and that causes, or the covered entity reasonably
13 believes has caused or will cause, identity theft or other fraud to
14 any resident of this state. Good-faith acquisition of personal
15 information or restricted information by an employee or agent of a
16 covered entity for the purposes of the covered entity is not a
17 breach of the security system; provided, that the personal
18 information or restricted information, as the case may be, is not
19 used for a purpose other than a lawful purpose of the covered entity
20 or subject to further unauthorized disclosure.

21 C. "Personal information" means the first name or first initial
22 and last name in combination with and linked to any one or more of
23 the following data elements that relate to a resident of this state,
24 when the data elements are neither encrypted nor redacted:

- 1 1. Social Security number;
- 2 2. Driver license number or state identification number issued
- 3 in lieu of a driver license, or
- 4 3. Financial account number, or credit or debit card number, in
- 5 combination with any required security code, access code, or
- 6 password that would permit access to the financial accounts of an
- 7 individual.

8 The term does not include information that is lawfully obtained
9 from publicly available information, or from federal, state, or
10 local government records lawfully made available to the public.

11 D. "Restricted information" means any information about an
12 individual, other than personal information, that, alone or in
13 combination with other information, including personal information,
14 can be used to distinguish or trace the individual's identity or
15 that is linked or linkable to an individual, if the information is
16 not encrypted, redacted, or altered by any method or technology in
17 such a manner that the information is unreadable, and the breach of
18 which is likely to result in a material risk of identity theft or
19 other fraud to person or property.

20 E. As used in this act, the terms "encrypted" and "redacted"
21 have the same meanings as in Section 162 of Title 24 of Oklahoma
22 law.

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1 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2070 of Title 18, unless there
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. The requirements of this section are voluntary; provided, a
5 covered entity may only seek an affirmative defense under this act
6 if the following conditions are met:

7 1. A covered entity seeking an affirmative defense under this
8 act shall create, maintain, and comply, including documentation of
9 such compliance, with a written cybersecurity program that contains
10 administrative, technical, and physical safeguards for the
11 protection of both personal information and restricted information
12 and that reasonably conforms to an industry recognized cybersecurity
13 framework, as described in this section.

14 2. A covered entity's cybersecurity program shall be designed
15 to do all of the following with respect to the information described
16 in paragraph 1 of subsection A of this section, as applicable:

- 17 a. protect the security and confidentiality of the
18 information,
- 19 b. protect against any anticipated threats or hazards to
20 the security or integrity of the information,
- 21 c. protect against unauthorized access to and acquisition
22 of the information that is likely to result in a
23 material risk of identity theft or other fraud to the
24 individual to whom the information relates.

1 3. The scale and scope of a covered entity's cybersecurity
2 program under subsection A of this section is appropriate if it is
3 based on all of the following factors:

- 4 a. the size and complexity of the covered entity,
- 5 b. the nature and scope of the activities of the covered
6 entity,
- 7 c. the sensitivity of the information to be protected,
- 8 d. the cost and availability of tools to improve
9 information security and reduce vulnerabilities, and
- 10 e. the resources available to the covered entity.

11 4. The cybersecurity program shall contain requirements that it
12 be reviewed, evaluated, and updated on at least an annual basis and
13 shall require documentation of the same.

14 B. A covered entity that satisfies paragraphs 1 through 4 of
15 subsection A of this section is entitled to an affirmative defense
16 to any cause of action sounding in tort that is brought alleging
17 that the failure to implement reasonable information security
18 controls resulted in a data breach concerning personal information
19 or restricted information.

20 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2071 of Title 18, unless there
22 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 A covered entity's cybersecurity program, as described in
24 Section 2 of this act, reasonably conforms to an industry-recognized

1 cybersecurity framework for purposes of that section if subsection A
2 of this section is satisfied:

3 A. 1. The covered entity is subject to the requirements of the
4 laws or regulations listed below, and the cybersecurity program
5 reasonably conforms to the entirety of the current version of both
6 of the following, subject to paragraph 2 of subsection A of this
7 section:

8 a. the security requirements of the "Health Insurance
9 Portability and Accountability Act of 1996", as set
10 forth in 45 CFR Part 164 Subpart C; and

11 b. the "Health Information Technology for Economic and
12 Clinical Health Act", as set forth in 45 CFR Part 162.

13 2. When a framework listed in paragraph 1 of subsection A of
14 this section is amended, a covered entity whose cybersecurity
15 program reasonably conforms to that framework shall reasonably
16 conform to the amended framework not later than one (1) year after
17 the effective date of the amended framework.

18 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2072 of Title 18, unless there
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 If any provision off this act or the application thereof to a
22 covered entity is for any reason held to be invalid, the remainder
23 of the provisions under those sections and the application of such
24 provisions to other covered entities shall not be thereby affected.

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SECTION 6. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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