



CHAPTER 143
ARTICLE 84 - VARIOUS TECHNOLOGY REGULATIONS

N.C.G.S. § 143-800.

State entities and ransomware payments.

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§ 143-800(a) No State agency or local government entity shall submit payment or otherwise communicate 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.

§ 143-800(b) Any State agency or local government entity experiencing a ransom request in connection with a cybersecurity incident shall consult with the Department of Information Technology in accordance with G.S. 143B-1379.

§ 143-800(c) The following definitions apply in this section:

- (1) Local government entity. - A local political subdivision of the State, including, but not limited to, a city, a county, a local school administrative unit as defined in G.S. 115C-5, or a community college.
- (2) State agency. - Any agency, department, institution, board, commission, committee, division, bureau, officer, official, or other entity of the executive, judicial, or legislative branches of State government. The term includes The University of North Carolina and any other entity for which the State has oversight responsibility. (2021-180, s. 38.13(a).)

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2 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

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REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 143B-1379	(b)	"of Information Technology in accordance with"
G.S. 115C-5	(c)(1)	"school administrative unit as defined in"

APPARATUS III

Citation

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