

Summary

Cybersecurity Legislation 2020

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Cybersecurity remains a focus in state legislatures, as many propose measures to address cyberthreats directed at governments and private businesses.

In 2020, at least 38 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico introduced or considered more than 280 bills or resolutions that deal significantly with cybersecurity. Some of the areas seeing the most legislative activity include measures:

- Requiring government agencies to implement training or specific types of security policies and practices and improving incidence response and preparedness.
- Increasing penalties for computer crime or addressing specific crimes, e.g., ransomware.
- Regulating cybersecurity within the insurance industry or addressing cybersecurity insurance.
- Creating task forces, councils or commissions to study or advise on cybersecurity issues.
- Supporting programs or incentives for cybersecurity training and education.

At least 20 states enacted 46 key cybersecurity-related bills in 2020.

State appropriations for cybersecurity are listed here if they are significant or focused on specific statewide mandates or state projects to be funded. Other top cybersecurity issues include election security and cybersecurity threats to the energy infrastructure and other critical infrastructure.

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