

REFERENCE TITLE: governmental entities; ransomware payment; prohibition

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Introduced by
Representatives Bolick: Biasiucci, Blackman, Carroll, Payne

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 18, CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE 4, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 18-553; RELATING TO DATA SECURITY BREACHES.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 18, chapter 5, article 4, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 18-553, to read:

4 18-553. Ransomware payment; prohibition; notice; definitions

5 A. THIS STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE:

6 1. MAY NOT MAKE A PAYMENT TO REMOVE OR DECRYPT RANSOMWARE FROM THE
7 SYSTEM FILES OF THIS STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.

8 2. SHALL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE DIRECTOR OF THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT
9 OF HOMELAND SECURITY IF A RANSOMWARE ATTACK OCCURS ON THE SYSTEM FILES OF
10 THIS STATE OR THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.

11 B. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

12 1. "POLITICAL SUBDIVISION" MEANS A COUNTY, CITY, CHARTER CITY,
13 TOWN, COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT OR SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THIS STATE.

14 2. "RANSOMWARE" MEANS MALWARE THAT REQUIRES THE VICTIM TO PAY A
15 RANSOM TO ACCESS ENCRYPTED FILES.