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S 892. SECURITY STANDARDS FOR STATE IT. PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF ENTERPRISE-WIDE SECURITY AND ENCRYPTION STANDARDS FOR STATE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY. Adds new GS 147-33.89 directing the State Chief Information Officer (SCIO), in consultation with the Information Technology Management Advisory Council, to establish an enterprise-wide set of standards for information security for all state agencies, including the legislative and judicial branches and the University of North Carolina. Requires approval of the standards by the Advisory Council and by the Information Resources Management Commission. Directs SCIO to review standards annually, with new standards subject to approval by Information Resources Management Commission. Once the standards are adopted, any information technology security feature that is purchased using state funds or for use by a state agency or in a state facility must be approved by the SCIO, with these exceptions: (1) the judicial branch or legislative branch may develop security standards that exceed those set by the SCIO and, if so, may elect to be governed by those higher standards and need not secure SCIO approval of purchases; (2) if the Governor certifies that a state agency has developed security standards that exceed those set by the SCIO, that agency may elect to be governed by those higher standards and need not secure SCIO approval of purchases.

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