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A R E S O L U T I O N

Urging the Governor to order the Ohio Cyber Reserve 1
to investigate possible security breaches in the 2
state's unemployment compensation computer 3
network. 4

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
OHIO:**

WHEREAS, There have been documented incidents across the 5
country where malefactors have sought to attack state 6
unemployment compensation systems since the start of the COVID- 7
19 pandemic for the purpose of either defrauding the system, 8
stealing funds, or stealing sensitive information; and 9

WHEREAS, Members of the Ohio General Assembly have received 10
reports from constituents that criminals are accessing 11
legitimate users' unemployment and similar benefit accounts, 12
redirecting benefits, and potentially stealing sensitive 13
personal information; and 14

WHEREAS, Identifying if, how, and when cybercriminals 15
access a network is paramount to preventing system breaches and 16
protecting the sensitive personal information stored therein; 17
now therefore be it 18

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Ohio strongly urges the Governor, in cooperation with the Director of Job and Family Services, to order the Ohio Cyber Reserve to examine the computer network the Director uses to administer the state's unemployment compensation system; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Ohio strongly encourages the Governor to draft a written report of the examination that does all of the following:

(A) Determines whether any entity has gained unauthorized access to the unemployment compensation system;

(B) Assesses the risk that an entity will gain unauthorized access to the system in the future;

(C) Provides an opinion as to whether current network security measures are adequate to protect legitimate users' personal information;

(D) Recommends any measures the Director of Job and Family Services should take to maintain the network's security in accordance with best practices; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Ohio advises the Governor to provide a copy of the report to the Unemployment Compensation Modernization and Improvement Council as soon as practical after the report's completion; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the Governor and the Director of Job and Family Services and the news media of Ohio.