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A BILL

To amend section 1347.01 and to enact sections 1
1347.12 and 1349.19 of the Revised Code to require 2
a state agency, person, or business to contact 3
individuals if unencrypted personal information 4
about those individuals that is maintained on the 5
computers of the agency, person, or business is 6
obtained by unauthorized persons. 7

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 1347.01 be amended and sections 8
1347.12 and 1349.19 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as 9
follows: 10

Sec. 1347.01. As used in this chapter, except as otherwise 11
provided: 12

(A) "State agency" means the office of any elected state 13
officer and any agency, board, commission, department, division, 14
or educational institution of the state. 15

(B) "Local agency" means any municipal corporation, school 16
district, special purpose district, or township of the state or 17
any elected officer or board, bureau, commission, department, 18
division, institution, or instrumentality of a county. 19

(C) "Special purpose district" means any geographic or political jurisdiction that is created by statute to perform a limited and specific function, and includes, but is not limited to, library districts, conservancy districts, metropolitan housing authorities, park districts, port authorities, regional airport authorities, regional transit authorities, regional water and sewer districts, sanitary districts, soil and water conservation districts, and regional planning agencies.

(D) "Maintains" means state or local agency ownership of, control over, responsibility for, or accountability for systems and includes, but is not limited to, state or local agency depositing of information with a data processing center for storage, processing, or dissemination. An agency "maintains" all systems of records that are required by law to be kept by the agency.

(E) "Personal information" means any information that describes anything about a person, or that indicates actions done by or to a person, or that indicates that a person possesses certain personal characteristics, and that contains, and can be retrieved from a system by, a name, identifying number, symbol, or other identifier assigned to a person.

(F) "System" means any collection or group of related records that are kept in an organized manner and that are maintained by a state or local agency, and from which personal information is retrieved by the name of the person or by some identifying number, symbol, or other identifier assigned to the person. "System" includes both records that are manually stored and records that are stored using electronic data processing equipment. "System" does not include collected archival records in the custody of or administered under the authority of the Ohio historical society, published directories, reference materials or newsletters, or routine information that is maintained for the purpose of internal

office administration, the use of which would not adversely affect
a person.

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(G) "Interconnection of systems" means a linking of systems
that belong to more than one agency, or to an agency and other
organizations, which linking of systems results in a system that
permits each agency or organization involved in the linking to
have unrestricted access to the systems of the other agencies and
organizations.

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(H) "Combination of systems" means a unification of systems
that belong to more than one agency, or to an agency and another
organization, into a single system in which the records that
belong to each agency or organization may or may not be obtainable
by the others.

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Sec. 1347.12. (A) As used in this section:

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(1) "Breach of the security of the system" means unauthorized
acquisition of computerized data that compromises the security,
confidentiality, or integrity of personal information maintained
by a state agency. Good faith acquisition of personal information
by an employee or agent of the state agency for the purposes of
the state agency is not a breach of the security of the system,
provided that the personal information is not used or subject to
further unauthorized disclosure.

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(2) "Individual" means a natural person.

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(3) "Personal information" means an individual's first name
or first initial and last name in combination with any one or more
of the following data elements, when either the name or the data
elements are not encrypted:

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(a) Social security number;

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(b) Driver's license number or state identification card
number;

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(c) Account number or credit or debit card number, in combination with any required security code, access code, or password that would permit access to an individual's financial account. 82
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"Personal information" does not include publicly available information that is lawfully made available to the general public from federal, state, or local government records. 86
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(4) "State agency" has the same meaning as in section 1.60 of the Revised Code. 89
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(B)(1) Any state agency that owns or licenses computerized data that includes personal information shall disclose any breach of the security of the system, following discovery or notification of the breach in the security of the data, to any resident of this state whose unencrypted personal information was, or reasonably is believed to have been, acquired by an unauthorized person. 91
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(2) The state agency shall make the disclosure described in division (B)(1) of this section in the most expedient time possible and without unreasonable delay, subject to the legitimate needs of law enforcement activities described in division (D) of this section and consistent with any measures necessary to determine the scope of the breach and to restore the reasonable integrity of the data system. 97
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(C) Any state agency that maintains computerized data that includes personal information that the state agency does not own shall notify the owner or licensee of the information of any breach of the security of the data immediately following discovery, if the personal information was, or reasonably is believed to have been, acquired by an unauthorized person. 104
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(D) The state agency may delay the disclosure or notification required by division (B) or (C) of this section if a law enforcement agency determines that the disclosure or notification 110
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will impede a criminal investigation, in which case, the state 113
agency shall make the disclosure or notification after the law 114
enforcement agency determines that disclosure or notification will 115
not compromise the investigation. 116

(E) For purposes of this section, a state agency may disclose 117
or make a notification by the following methods: 118

(1) Written notice; 119

(2) Electronic notice, if the disclosure or notice provided 120
is consistent with the provisions regarding electronic records and 121
signatures set forth in 15 U.S.C. 7001, as amended. 122

(3) Notice consisting of all of the following: 123

(a) Electronic mail notice when the state agency has 124
electronic mail addresses for the subject persons requiring 125
disclosure or notification; 126

(b) Conspicuous posting of the disclosure or notice on the 127
state agency's website, if the agency maintains one; 128

(c) Notification to major statewide media. 129

(F) Notwithstanding division (E) of this section, a state 130
agency that maintains its own disclosure or notification 131
procedures as part of an information security policy for the 132
treatment of personal information, which procedures also are 133
consistent with the timing requirements of this section, is in 134
compliance with the disclosure or notification requirements of 135
this section, if it notifies subject persons requiring disclosure 136
or notification in accordance with its policies in the event of a 137
breach of the security of the system. 138

Sec. 1349.19. (A) As used in this section: 139

(1) "Breach of the security of the system" means unauthorized 140
acquisition of computerized data that compromises the security, 141

confidentiality, or integrity of personal information maintained 142
by a person or business. Good faith acquisition of personal 143
information by an employee or agent of the person or business for 144
the purposes of the person or business is not a breach of the 145
security of the system, provided that the personal information is 146
not used or subject to further unauthorized disclosure. 147

(2) "Business" means both of the following: 148

(a) A sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, 149
association, or other group, however organized and whether 150
operating for profit or not for profit, including a financial 151
institution organized, chartered, or holding a license authorizing 152
operation under the laws of this state, any other state, the 153
United States, or any other country, or the parent or subsidiary 154
of a financial institution; 155

(b) An entity that destroys records. 156

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or first initial and last name in combination with any one or more 159
of the following data elements, when either the name or the data 160
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combination with any required security code, access code, or 166
password that would permit access to an individual's financial 167
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"Personal information" does not include publicly available 169
information that is lawfully made available to the general public 170
from federal, state, or local government records. 171

(5) "Records" means any material, regardless of the physical form, on which information is recorded or preserved by any means, including in written or spoken words, graphically depicted, printed, or electromagnetically transmitted. "Records" does not include publicly available directories containing information an individual voluntarily has consented to have publicly disseminated or listed, such as name, address, or telephone number. 172
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(B)(1) Any person or business that conducts business in this state and that owns or licenses computerized data that includes personal information shall disclose any breach of the security of the system, following discovery or notification of the breach in the security of the data, to any resident of this state whose unencrypted personal information was, or reasonably is believed to have been, acquired by an unauthorized person. 179
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<u>requiring disclosure or notification in accordance with its</u>	227
<u>policies in the event of a breach of the security of the system.</u>	228
<u>(G) Any waiver of this section is contrary to public policy</u>	229
<u>and is void and unenforceable.</u>	230
<u>(H) Any individual injured by a violation of this section has</u>	231
<u>a cause of action for recovery of damages.</u>	232

Section 2. That existing section 1347.01 of the Revised Code 233
is hereby repealed. 234