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Research Analysis

HB 1759 modifies the definitions used in the Oklahoma Computer Crimes Act. The measure defines *computer network* to mean the wired or wireless physical or logical interconnection of one or more computers or computer systems to each other, or to other computer networks, for the purpose of transmitting or receiving computer programs, computer software or data. The measure defines *malicious computer program* to mean any computer program that is created, executed, modified or distributed with the intent to disrupt, destroy, deny access to, redirect, defraud, deceive, exceed or gain unauthorized access to any computer, computer system, computer network or data. "Malicious computer program" includes, but is not limited to, viruses, Trojan horses, spyware, worms, rootkits, backdoors, ransomware and other malicious computer instructions, whether part of or independent of broader computer software or computer systems. The measure provides that it is unlawful to use malicious computer programs on a computer or computer network. The measure also provides that is it unlawful to willfully solicit another, regardless of any financial consideration or exchange of property, of any acts prohibited by the Oklahoma Computer Crimes Act. The measure provides that the act does not prohibit the testing of a computer system or network by an authorized entity against real or imagined threats or harms.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 1759, as introduced, expands the scope of the Oklahoma Computer Crimes Act to include the use of malicious computer programs to gain unauthorized access to data stored on computers. The measure provides for authorized entities to test the security of computer systems and networks.

Upon review and with consultation from the OSBI, the measure is budget neutral.

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Other Considerations

None.