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Auditor Adam Edelen Applauds Signing of Cyber Security Legislation
Bipartisan Measures Ensure Kentuckians Alerted if Their Sensitive Data is Compromised

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (June 11, 2014) – Auditor of Public Accounts Adam Edelen on Wednesday celebrated the signing of two bills aimed at strengthening cyber protections for all Kentuckians.

Auditor Edelen worked with a bipartisan group of lawmakers during the 2014 General Assembly to pass House Bill 5, which requires state and local governments to notify Kentuckians if their confidential, sensitive data is compromised. It incentivizes government to take additional steps to protect that information.

“Government collects mountains of sensitive data on each and every one of us,” Auditor Edelen said. “Kentuckians have the right to know if it is compromised so they can take steps to protect themselves.”

Auditor Edelen worked with Reps. Denny Butler, D-Louisville, and Sal Santoro, R-Florence, to pass House Bill 5 after the Auditor’s office released a report regarding cyber security threats in Kentucky. The measure passed the House with nearly 80 co-sponsors and an almost equal number of Republicans and Democrats.

“I want to sincerely thank the legislators and organizations that recognized the importance of this legislation and worked toward its passage,” Auditor Edelen said. “I firmly believe that building bipartisan coalitions is the way to accomplishing big things in Kentucky.”

Additionally, some 30 organizations, businesses and state agencies (listed below) were in support.

Auditor Edelen also praised the signing of House Bill 232, which requires businesses to notify consumers if a data breach occurs.

House Bill 5 Coalition

AARP Kentucky
Bluegrass Institute
Kentucky Youth Advocates
Kentucky Association of Counties
Kentucky County Judge/Executive Association
Kentucky Magistrates and Commissioners Association
Kentucky League of Cities
Kentucky Sheriff's Association
Kentucky Chamber of Commerce
Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce
Greater Louisville, Inc.
Commerce Lexington
Kentucky Public Retirees
Kentucky Association of State Employees
Kentucky School Boards Association
Kentucky Press Association
Common Cause of Kentucky
Kentucky Retail Federation
Kentucky Education Association
Humana
Anthem
Coventry
Wellcare
Passport
Kentucky State Police
Commonwealth Office of Technology
Council on Postsecondary Education
Kentucky Board of Education
Kentucky Department of Education
Kentucky Council of Area Development Districts
Kentucky Department for Local Government
Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives

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