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H 1499. INTERNET PRIVACY POLICY ACT. TO ENACT THE INTERNET PRIVACY POLICY ACT. Adds new Part 5 to Article 3D of GS Chapter 147 to generally prohibit state agencies utilizing computer-based telecommunications from collecting or disclosing personal information concerning any person using a computer capable of interacting with the Internet. The prohibition does not apply to disclosures to internal agency staff who need the information in the ordinary course of business of the agency's mission and does not apply if the computer user receives notice of the agency's Internet privacy policy (contents prescribed by the bill) and the user consents to the collection or disclosure of personal information. "Personal information" means information that identifies a specific user or the user's interactive computer service address; or information collected or submitted via the Internet that identifies the user's home or work address, email address, telephone number, credit or debit card information, social security number, birth date, gender, marital status, or other personal identifier. Notwithstanding the prohibition against disclosure, a state agency may disclose personal information if the disclosure is (1) necessary in the ordinary course of business as defined in applicable state law, (2) made pursuant to court order or by law, (3) for the purpose of validating the identity of the user, and (4) if the information or data is used solely for statistical purposes in aggregate form. Provides a user, upon request, a right of access to all personal information regarding the user that is collected and maintained by a state agency via an interactive computer network, except as otherwise provided by law. Requires the Office of Information Technology Services to develop a model on-line sample privacy notice.

Intro. by Tolson.

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