



## State News Roundup

### ADI News

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### IT Modernization News

The **Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)** has [implemented Augintel's Natural Language Processing \(NLP\)](#) software to help child welfare caseworkers, supervisors, and private agency provider staff with data analysis to save time on administrative tasks.

**Pennsylvania CIO Amaya Capellán** discussed her plans to improve the state's digital services in a [StateScoop](#) podcast. She is working with the office tasked with modernizing state digital services, **CODE PA**, to build a strong IT foundation, support the workforce, and focus on customer services. She is also looking for opportunities to streamline and accelerate government technology procurement processes.

The **State Education Technology Directors Association (SETDA)** [held](#) its annual **Emerging Trends Forum** last month where leaders discussed generative AI and how it can influence back-to-school planning. They discussed uses for AI, to what extent the workforce needs to understand and be prepared to use AI effectively, and how to continue to ensure digital equity among students.

A new report from the **National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)** [provides information](#) for lawmakers wanting to engage in AI oversight. The primer includes information on international, federal, and state activity regarding the use of AI and proposes language for defining AI, summarizing current state legislation and federal activity, and showcases leading private sector frameworks for governing AI. The full report can be found [here](#).

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The **Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC)** and the **Election Infrastructure Information Sharing and Analysis Center (EI-ISAC)** held a [joint annual meeting](#) last week. The agenda included government training, events on cybersecurity and cyber defense topics,

and discussions about election infrastructure. In addition, discussions touched on learning from tools and best practices put out by federal agencies like **CISA** and the **FBI**, as well as teamwork, resources, cyber grants, and partnerships that are beneficial.

**New York Gov. Kathy Hochul** has [unveiled](#) the state's first cybersecurity strategy. The strategy will serve as a blueprint for how public and private sector stakeholders will work together to protect critical infrastructure and personal data from malicious attacks. The strategy is based on five strategic pillars: (1) operate New York state networks securely and resiliently, (2) collaborate with key stakeholders, (3) regulate critical industries, (4) communicate cybersecurity advice and guidance, and (5) grow New York's cybersecurity workforce and economy.

Cybercriminals [stole](#) \$5.9 million from the public school system in **New Haven, CT**, through a compromised email account. Nearly \$3.6 million has been recovered since. The **FBI** has warned that business email compromise attacks are becoming more common.

### **Workforce News**

The **Community College System of New Hampshire** has [received](#) a \$3.2 million federal grant to maintain and expand apprenticeship opportunities in cybersecurity, advanced manufacturing, the trades, and more. The goal is to add 700 more roles to the 2,800 existing paid apprenticeship positions. These apprenticeships also help employers as they have a 75 to 80 percent retention rate.

**Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker** [signed](#) **HB 1378**, which will create the **Illinois Graduate and Retain Our Workforce (iGROW) Tech Act** to establish a new program to provide tuition grants to students majoring in technology fields.

The **Center for Long-Term Cybersecurity (CLTC)** at the **UC Berkeley** has [received](#) a \$2.2 million grant from **Google** to develop cybersecurity initiatives. The grant will fund outreach to minority serving institutions and community colleges, mentorship and instructor training for new clinics, an existing interdisciplinary research seminar, and other projects.

**NPower**, a tech training nonprofit, and **Per Scholas**, a nonprofit that works to advance economic equity through training for tech careers, have [received](#) \$2 million in commitments from the **Truist Foundation** to improve technology-oriented training initiatives in communities across **North Carolina**. Per Scholas will use the funding to double the size of its technology skills training program offerings, and NPower will expand its free flagship Tech Fundamentals training program into North Carolina.

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