



**Justin P. Wilson, Comptroller**

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## **Comptroller's Office Launches COT Cyber Aware Program**

*Effort is designed to educate local governments about cybersecurity*

The Tennessee Comptroller's Office has created a new initiative to educate and inform local government employees about cybersecurity.



In recent months, several Tennessee cities and counties have fallen victim to phishing and ransomware attacks. Cybercriminals have exploited weaknesses with the goal of stealing money, changing or destroying government data, or gaining access to sensitive information.

The Comptroller's Office and its Division of Local Government Audit recognize that many local governments lack the funding or expertise necessary to provide cybersecurity training to employees. That is why we have launched COT Cyber Aware.

The COT Cyber Aware website includes many resources to help local government officials protect their computer systems and educate their staff about potential threats. The Comptroller's Office is also able to provide in-person training for Tennessee's local governments.

"All of Tennessee's government entities must prioritize cybersecurity," said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. "As part of our mission to make government work better, we are glad to offer new tools and resources that can help protect governments from cyber threats and attacks. We hope this effort will create awareness and vigilance around this important subject."

To learn more about COT Cyber Aware, go to: [tncot.cc/cyberaware](http://tncot.cc/cyberaware)

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