

Annual Report 2022

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# New York State Senate Standing Committee on **Internet and Technology** **Senator Diane Savino**

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The Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins  
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Dear Leader Stewart-Cousins:

I am pleased to transmit the Annual Report of the Senate's Standing Committee on Internet and Technology for the 2022 Legislative Session. As Chair, I am proud to continue to lead our efforts to address important matters under my committee's jurisdiction.

During the 2022 session, this committee met three times and reported eighteen bills.

I thank my colleagues who served on the Committee for their efforts and support of the work that was done in the committee this year, and I thank you for the continued support from the Majority Conference in the committee's operations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Diane J. Savino', written in a cursive style.

Diane J. Savino  
Senator – 23<sup>rd</sup> District  
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**2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT**

**NEW YORK STATE SENATE  
STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERNET AND TECHNOLOGY**

**Senator Diane J. Savino, Chairperson**

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## **COMMITTEE JURISDICTION AND OVERVIEW**

The New York State Senate Standing Committee on Internet and Technology has legislative oversight responsibilities for issues concerning State Technology Law, Economic Development Law, Executive Law and General Business Law including but not limited to the internet, technology, computers, email, cybersecurity, forensics, DNA databases and the NYS Broadband Office

During the 2022 Legislative Session, 57 bills were referred to the Committee for its review. Of these bills, eighteen were reported from the Committee. Six were passed by the Senate. Of those one has been signed into law.

A list of all bills that were reported from the committee is provided at the end of this report.

## COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

The following key bills were acted on by the committee in 2022:

Misinformation on Social Media – Chapter 204 of the laws of 2022, would require social media networks to provide and maintain mechanisms for reporting hateful conduct on their platforms. Per the sponsor Senator Anna Kaplan - New Yorkers are all familiar with the expression "If you see something, say something," but unfortunately many virtual social media platforms make the process of "saying something" confusing at best, and impossible at worst. This legislation seeks to empower users of social media to keep virtual spaces safer for all by providing clear and consistent reporting mechanisms for instances of hateful conduct.

ADA Compliance for State Contractors and vendors – Chapter 658 of the laws of 2022, requires state contractors and vendors to comply with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) for state websites. According to the sponsor Senator John Mannion, Web accessibility issues are not just an issue for our state's disabled community many of our state's senior citizens are also greatly impacted by websites that are not user friendly. Using the WCAG guidelines as a foundation to build on, and a standard of accessibility needs will assist our state with the goal of making the state websites as user friendly as possible.



## TWO HOUSE BILLS

In 2022, 18 of the 57 bills in the Internet and Technology Committee were reported from the Committee. Of those bills, one passed both houses and was signed into law by the Governor.

Bill No.	SPONSOR	SUMMARY	ACTION
S4511-A	KAPLAN--	Requires social media networks to provide and maintain mechanisms for reporting hateful conduct on their platform.	Chapter 204 of the Laws of 2022

### SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Bill No.		
<a href="#">S158A</a>	<b>KAPLAN</b> -- Creates the mobile high-technology training facilities program	<b>Passed Senate</b>
<a href="#">S1800</a>	<b>SAVINO</b> -- Relates to the development and creation of distributed ledger technology and business entities that develop such technology	<b>Passed Senate</b>
<a href="#">S1801</a>	<b>SAVINO</b> -- Allows signatures secured through blockchain technology to be considered an electronic signature	<b>Passed Senate</b>
<a href="#">S2652</a>	<b>SAVINO</b> -- Relates to requiring governmental entities to implement multifactor authentication for local and remote network access	<b>Reported to Finance</b>
<a href="#">S3108</a>	<b>PARKER</b> -- Relates to emerging technology industrial classifications for clean environment and energy technologies	<b>Reported to Finance</b>
<a href="#">S3737A</a>	<b>COMRIE</b> -- Establishes a study on the comparative qualities of cloud computing services and state data center operations	<b>Passed Senate</b>
<a href="#">S4146</a>	<b>STAVISKY</b> -- Creates community college high-technology investment program (C-CHIP) to award grants to community colleges to upgrade their educational, occupational and training services	<b>Reported to Finance</b>
<a href="#">S4511A</a>	<b>KAPLAN</b> -- Requires social media networks to provide and maintain mechanisms for reporting hateful conduct on their platform	<b>Chapter 204 of the Laws of 2022</b>
<a href="#">S4531A</a>	<b>KAPLAN</b> -- Requires social media networks to provide and maintain mechanisms for reporting election misinformation on their platform	<b>Reported to Calendar</b>

<a href="#">S6068</a>	<b>PARKER</b> -- Establishes a commission to study cyber security in the state	<b>Reported to Calendar</b>
<a href="#">S6130A</a>	<b>BOYLE</b> -- Establishes the New York state online genealogy website search policy and relates to the release of certain information	<b>Reported to Codes</b>
<a href="#">S6205A</a>	<b>OBERACKER</b> -- Relates to an examination and evaluation of New York state's information technology infrastructure	<b>Reported to Finance</b>
<a href="#">S6806A</a>	<b>SAVINO</b> -- Relates to the payment of ransom in the event of a cyber incident or a cyber ransom or ransomware attack	<b>Reported to Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs</b>
<a href="#">S7342</a>	<b>HINCHEY</b> -- Directs the office of information technology services to establish a gun violence alert system to be added to the emergency alert notification system	<b>Reported to Calendar</b>
<a href="#">S7572A</a>	<b>MANNION</b> -- Requires state contractors and vendors to comply with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines	<b>Passed Senate</b>
<a href="#">S7912</a>	<b>MANNION</b> -- Requires state agencies and entities to ensure their websites are accessible to persons with disabilities	<b>Passed Senate</b>
<a href="#">S8317</a>	<b>BAILEY</b> -- Relates to disclosing to a parent the personal information and content about a minor collected by an operator of an internet platform	<b>Reported to Calendar</b>
<a href="#">S9005</a>	<b>SAVINO</b> -- Establishes the "secure our data act"	<b>Reported to Calendar</b>











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