

**Subject** Expanding the crime of computer theft

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## Overview

Under current law, it is a crime to access a computer, computer system, or computer network to obtain services or property if the person does not have authorization or claim of right to do so. It is also a crime to deprive the owner of the use or possession of a computer, software, or data.

## Summary

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| 1 | <b>Data.</b><br>Creates a definition of “data” in the list of definitions as used in computer crime statutes.   |
| 2 | <b>Acts.</b><br>Establishes a crime if someone intentionally, and without authorization, copies any computer software or data and uses, alters, transfers, retains, or publishes that software or data. Further makes it a crime to intentionally retain copies of any computer software or data beyond the individual’s authority. |