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S.B. No. 249

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the prosecution of the offense of breach of computer
3 security.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 33.02(b-1), Penal Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (b-1) A person commits an offense if with the intent to
8 obtain a benefit, defraud or harm another, or alter, damage, or
9 delete property, the person knowingly accesses a computer, computer
10 network, or computer system without the effective consent of the
11 owner.

12 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
13 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
14 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
15 covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the
16 former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of
17 this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of
18 this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.