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H.B. No. 4597

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to cybersecurity of state agencies.

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

SECTION 1. Section 552. 139 (b), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The following information is confidential:

(1) a computer network vulnerability report;

(2) any other assessment of the extent to which data processing operations, a computer, a computer program, network, system, or system interface, or software of a governmental body or of a contractor of a governmental body is vulnerable to unauthorized access or harm, including an assessment of the extent to which the governmental body's or contractor's electronically stored information containing sensitive or critical information is vulnerable to alteration, damage, erasure, or inappropriate use;

(3) a photocopy of other copy of an identification badge issued to an official or employee of a governmental body;

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(4) information directly arising from a governmental body's routine to prevent, detect, investigate, or mitigate a computer security incident, including information contained in or derived from an information security log; and

(5) information about a state agency's cybersecurity insurance coverage, including policy provisions and coverage

1 limits.

2 SECTION 2. Subchapter N-1, Chapter 2054, Government Code,
3 is amended by adding Section 2054.5172 to read as follows:

4 Sec. 2054.5172. CYBER RANGE. (a) In this section, "cyber
5 range" means a virtual environment used for interactive training in
6 the defense against and response to cyberwarfare and other
7 cybersecurity incidents.

8 (b) The department may create a cyber range for use by
9 public sector employees with responsibility for cybersecurity to
10 improve this state's cybersecurity capabilities.

11 SECTION 3. Subchapter N-1, Chapter 2054, Government Code,
12 is amended by adding Section 2054.519, 2054.520, and 2054.521 to
13 read as follows:

14 Sec. 2054.519. CYBERSECURITY RESOURCES PROGRAM FOR STATE
15 AGENCIES. (a) The department may establish a program that provides
16 to state agencies the use of information security officers and
17 other cybersecurity resources to assist in managing the agencies'
18 information security.

19 (b) The department shall adopt rules to implement this
20 section.

21 Sec. 2054.520. CYBERSECURITY INSURANCE. (a) The State
22 Office of Risk Management shall evaluate the feasibility of
23 providing cybersecurity insurance policies to state agencies.

24 (b) The State Office of Risk Management shall develop
25 guidance for state agencies regarding cybersecurity insurance
26 coverage. The guidance must:

27 (1) be based on best practices for making

1 cybersecurity insurance coverage decisions; and

2 (2) assist a state agency in determining whether:

3 (A) cybersecurity insurance coverage would be
4 beneficial to the agency; and

5 (B) the agency should purchase a cybersecurity
6 insurance policy from a third party or self-insure.

7 (c) The department shall review and consider the guidance
8 developed under this section in connection with the department's
9 protection of statewide technology centers.

10 Sec. 2054.521. BUG BOUNTY PROGRAM. (a) The department by
11 rule may establish a bug bounty program, using money available for
12 that purpose from legislative appropriations, to pay bounties to
13 persons who uncover or resolve security flaws in state websites and
14 applications.

15 (b) The department may determine eligibility criteria for
16 receiving a bounty under this section and the amount of a bounty to
17 be paid under this section.

18 (c) An employee of or contractor with a state agency is not
19 eligible to receive a bounty under this section.

20 (d) The payment of a bounty under this section does not
21 affect a person 's civil or criminal liability for prohibited
22 conduct related to a state website or application.

23 SECTION 4. Section [2054.136](#), Government Code, is amended to
24 read as follows:

25 Sec. 2054.136. DESIGNATED INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICER;
26 DUTIES. (a) In this section, "cloud computing service" has the
27 meaning assigned by Section [2157.007](#).

1 (b) Each state agency shall designate an information
2 security officer who:

3 (1) reports to the agency 's executive-level
4 management;

5 (2) has authority over information security for the
6 entire agency;

7 (3) possesses the training and experience required to
8 perform the duties required by department rules; and

9 (4) to the extent feasible, has information security
10 duties as the officer 's primary duties.

11 (c) A state agency 's information security officer must
12 authorize the purchase of cloud computing services before the
13 agency may enter into a contract for those services.

14 SECTION 5. Section [2054.1125](#), Government Code, is amended
15 by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

16 (c) Not later than the 10th business day after the date of
17 the eradication, closure, and recovery from a breach, suspected
18 breach, or unauthorized exposure, a state agency shall notify the
19 department, including the chief information security officer, of
20 the details of the event.

21 SECTION 6. The change in law made by this Act applies only
22 to a contract for cloud computing services that is entered into on
23 or after the effective date of this Act. A contract entered into
24 before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in
25 effect on the date the contract was entered into, and the former law
26 is continued in effect for that purpose.

27 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.