

1-1 By: Paxton S.B. No. 1696
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 11, 2021; March 26, 2021, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education; April 13, 2021,
 1-4 reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0, one
 1-5 present not voting; April 13, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Taylor	X			
1-8 Lucio	X			
1-9 Bettencourt	X			
1-10 Hall	X			
1-11 Hughes	X			
1-12 Menéndez	X			
1-13 Paxton	X			
1-14 Perry				X
1-15 Powell	X			
1-16 Schwertner	X			
1-17 West	X			

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to establishing a system for the sharing of information
 1-22 regarding cyber attacks or other cybersecurity incidents occurring
 1-23 in schools in this state.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Section 11.175, Education Code, is amended by
 1-26 amending Subsection (e) and adding Subsections (g), (h), and (i) to
 1-27 read as follows:

1-28 (e) The district's cybersecurity coordinator shall report
 1-29 to the agency or, if applicable, the entity that administers the
 1-30 system established under Subsection (g) any cyber attack or other
 1-31 cybersecurity incident against the district cyberinfrastructure
 1-32 that constitutes a breach of system security as soon as practicable
 1-33 after the discovery of the attack or incident.

1-34 (g) The agency, in coordination with the Department of
 1-35 Information Resources, shall establish and maintain a system to
 1-36 coordinate the anonymous sharing of information concerning cyber
 1-37 attacks or other cybersecurity incidents between public and private
 1-38 schools and the state. The system must:

1-39 (1) include each report made under Subsection (e);

1-40 (2) provide for reports made under Subsection (e) to
 1-41 be shared between schools in as close to real time as possible; and

1-42 (3) preserve a reporting school's anonymity by
 1-43 preventing the disclosure through the system of the name of the
 1-44 school at which an attack or incident occurred.

1-45 (h) In establishing the system under Subsection (g), the
 1-46 agency may:

1-47 (1) contract with a qualified third party to
 1-48 administer the system; and

1-49 (2) allow open-enrollment charter schools and private
 1-50 schools in this state to report and receive information through the
 1-51 system.

1-52 (i) The commissioner shall adopt rules as necessary to
 1-53 implement this section.

1-54 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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