

1-1 By: Capriglione, et al. H.B. No. 2768
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa of Nueces)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2025;
 1-4 May 5, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Economic
 1-5 Development; May 14, 2025, reported favorably by the following
 1-6 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 14, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-12	X			
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1-14 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-15 AN ACT

1-16 relating to the development of a state information technology
 1-17 apprenticeship credential offered by public junior colleges or
 1-18 public technical institutes to address shortages in the state
 1-19 information resources workforce.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 2054, Government Code, is
 1-22 amended by adding Section 2054.0702 to read as follows:

1-23 Sec. 2054.0702. STATE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
 1-24 APPRENTICESHIP CREDENTIAL. (a) In this section, "public junior
 1-25 college" and "public technical institute" have the meanings
 1-26 assigned by Section 61.003, Education Code.

1-27 (b) A state agency may enter into an agreement with a public
 1-28 junior college district under Section 130.0081, Education Code, or
 1-29 a public technical institute under Section 135.06, Education Code,
 1-30 or other applicable law to offer a program leading to a state
 1-31 information technology apprenticeship credential to address
 1-32 shortages in the state information resources workforce.

1-33 (c) A program offered under this section must:

1-34 (1) be approved by the Texas Higher Education
 1-35 Coordinating Board in accordance with Section 61.0512, Education
 1-36 Code;

1-37 (2) develop the knowledge and skills necessary for a
 1-38 journey- or senior-level information technology position in a state
 1-39 agency; and

1-40 (3) include a one-year apprenticeship with:

1-41 (A) a relevant state agency;

1-42 (B) an organization working on a major
 1-43 information resources project; or

1-44 (C) a regional network security center
 1-45 established under Section 2059.202.

1-46 (d) An apprenticeship described by Subsection (c)(3) may
 1-47 be:

1-48 (1) an apprenticeship program registered with the
 1-49 United States Department of Labor; or

1-50 (2) an industry-recognized apprenticeship program
 1-51 offered by a public junior college or public technical institute
 1-52 that:

1-53 (A) adheres to academic and workforce standards
 1-54 required by industry; and

1-55 (B) provides for flexibility in course design and
 1-56 implementation, including flexibility regarding the:

1-57 (i) number of hours of classroom
 1-58 instruction and on-the-job training required;

1-59 (ii) competencies required for
 1-60 credentialing; and

1-61 (iii) goals for the program, as determined
 1-62 by the employer partner and faculty of the institution.

