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S.B. No. 1696

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to establishing a system for the sharing of information
3 regarding cyber attacks or other cybersecurity incidents occurring
4 in schools in this state.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 11.175, Education Code, is amended by
7 amending Subsection (e) and adding Subsections (g), (h), and (i) to
8 read as follows:

9 (e) The district's cybersecurity coordinator shall report
10 to the agency or, if applicable, the entity that administers the
11 system established under Subsection (g) any cyber attack or other
12 cybersecurity incident against the district cyberinfrastructure
13 that constitutes a breach of system security as soon as practicable
14 after the discovery of the attack or incident.

15 (g) The agency, in coordination with the Department of
16 Information Resources, shall establish and maintain a system to
17 coordinate the anonymous sharing of information concerning cyber
18 attacks or other cybersecurity incidents between public and private
19 schools and the state. The system must:

- 20 (1) include each report made under Subsection (e);
21 (2) provide for reports made under Subsection (e) to
22 be shared between schools in as close to real time as possible; and
23 (3) preserve a reporting school's anonymity by
24 preventing the disclosure through the system of the name of the

1 school at which an attack or incident occurred.

2 (h) In establishing the system under Subsection (g), the
3 agency may:

4 (1) contract with a qualified third party to
5 administer the system; and

6 (2) allow open-enrollment charter schools and private
7 schools in this state to report and receive information through the
8 system.

9 (i) The commissioner shall adopt rules as necessary to
10 implement this section.

11 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.