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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the position of chief information security officer in the Department of Information Resources.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter N-1, Chapter 2054, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2054.510 to read as follows:

Sec. 2054.510. CHIEF INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICER. (a) In this section, "state information security program" means the policies, standards, procedures, elements, structure, strategies, objectives, plans, metrics, reports, services, and resources that establish the information resources security function for this state.

(b) The executive director, using existing funds, shall employ a chief information security officer.

(c) The chief information security officer shall oversee cybersecurity matters for this state including:

(1) implementing the duties described by Section 2054.059;

(2) responding to reports received under Section 2054.1125;

(3) developing a statewide information security framework;

(4) overseeing the development of statewide information security policies and standards;

1           (5) developing, in coordination with state agencies,  
2 local governmental entities, and other entities operating or  
3 exercising control over state information systems or  
4 state-controlled data, information security policies, standards,  
5 and guidelines to strengthen this state's cybersecurity;

6           (6) overseeing the implementation of the policies,  
7 standards, and guidelines developed under Subdivisions (3), (4),  
8 and (5);

9           (7) providing information security leadership,  
10 strategic direction, and coordination for the state information  
11 security program;

12           (8) providing strategic direction to:

13                   (A) the network security center established  
14 under Section [2059.101](#); and

15                   (B) statewide technology centers operated under  
16 Subchapter L; and

17           (9) overseeing the preparation and submission of the  
18 report described by Section [2054.0591](#).

19           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.