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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of the governor to order the
disconnection of state computer networks from the Internet.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 418, Government Code, is
amended by adding Section 418.0195 to read as follows:

Sec. 418.0195. DISCONNECTION OF STATE COMPUTER NETWORKS.

(a) This section applies only to a computer network used by:

(1) a state agency; or

(2) an entity other than a state agency receiving
network security services from the Department of Information
Resources under Section 2059.058.

(b) The governor may order the Department of Information
Resources to disconnect a computer network from the Internet in the
event of a substantial external threat to the computer network.

SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 2059, Government Code, is
amended by adding Section 2059.1055 to read as follows:

Sec. 2059.1055. NETWORK SECURITY IN A STATE OF DISASTER.

The department shall disconnect the computer network of an entity
receiving security services under this chapter from the Internet if
the governor issues an order under Section 418.0195 to disconnect
the network because of a substantial external threat to the
entity's computer network.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.