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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the authority of the governor to order the
3 disconnection of state computer networks from the Internet.

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

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

7 Sec. 418.0195. DISCONNECTION OF STATE COMPUTER NETWORKS.

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

9 (1) a state agency; or

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

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

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

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

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

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