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S.B. No. 988

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of a cybersecurity, education, and economic development council.

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

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

SUBCHAPTER N. CYBERSECURITY, EDUCATION,

AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Sec. 2054.501. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "council" means the Cybersecurity, Education, and Economic Development Council.

Sec. 2054.502. CYBERSECURITY, EDUCATION, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL; COMPOSITION. (a) The Cybersecurity, Education, and Economic Development Council is established.

(b) The council is composed of nine members appointed by the executive director. The members must include:

(1) one representative from the department;

(2) one representative from the Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office in the office of the governor;

(3) two representatives from institutions of higher education with cybersecurity-related programs;

(4) one representative from a public junior college, as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code, with a cybersecurity-related program;

1 (5) one state military forces liaison experienced in
2 the cybersecurity field; and

3 (6) three representatives from chamber of commerce
4 organizations or businesses who have a cybersecurity background.

5 (c) The council shall elect a presiding officer from among
6 its members.

7 (d) A council member serves at the pleasure of the executive
8 director.

9 Sec. 2054.503. COMPENSATION. A council member serves
10 without compensation or reimbursement of expenses.

11 Sec. 2054.504. COUNCIL POWERS AND DUTIES. (a) The council
12 shall:

13 (1) at least quarterly, meet at the call of the
14 presiding officer; and

15 (2) conduct an interim study and make recommendations
16 to the executive director regarding:

17 (A) improving the infrastructure of this state's
18 cybersecurity operations with existing resources and through
19 partnerships between government, business, and institutions of
20 higher education; and

21 (B) examining specific actions to accelerate the
22 growth of cybersecurity as an industry in this state.

23 (b) The council may request the assistance of state
24 agencies, departments, or offices to carry out its duties.

25 Sec. 2054.505. REPORT. Not later than December 1, 2012, the
26 council shall submit a report based on its findings to:

27 (1) the executive director;

1 (2) the governor;

2 (3) the lieutenant governor;

3 (4) the speaker of the house of representatives;

4 (5) the higher education committees of the senate and
5 house of representatives;

6 (6) the House Committee on Technology, Economic
7 Development, and Workforce; and

8 (7) the Senate Committee on Economic Development.

9 Sec. 2054.506. EXPIRATION OF SUBCHAPTER. This subchapter
10 expires and the council is abolished September 1, 2013.

11 SECTION 2. Not later than the 30th day after the effective
12 date of this Act, the executive director of the Department of
13 Information Resources shall appoint the members of the
14 Cybersecurity, Education, and Economic Development Council as
15 established by Subchapter N, Chapter 2054, Government Code, as
16 added by this Act.

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