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1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to the creation of a cybersecurity, education, and  
1-10 economic development council.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Chapter 2054, Government Code, is amended by  
1-13 adding Subchapter N to read as follows:

1-14 SUBCHAPTER N. CYBERSECURITY, EDUCATION,  
1-15 AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

1-16 Sec. 2054.501. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "council"  
1-17 means the Cybersecurity, Education, and Economic Development  
1-18 Council.

1-19 Sec. 2054.502. CYBERSECURITY, EDUCATION, AND ECONOMIC  
1-20 DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL; COMPOSITION. (a) The Cybersecurity,  
1-21 Education, and Economic Development Council is established.

1-22 (b) The council is composed of nine members appointed by the  
1-23 executive director. The members must include:

1-24 (1) one representative from the department;

1-25 (2) one representative from the Texas Economic  
1-26 Development and Tourism Office in the office of the governor;

1-27 (3) two representatives from institutions of higher  
1-28 education with cybersecurity-related programs;

1-29 (4) one representative from a public junior college,  
1-30 as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code, with a  
1-31 cybersecurity-related program;

1-32 (5) one state military forces liaison experienced in  
1-33 the cybersecurity field; and

1-34 (6) three representatives from chamber of commerce  
1-35 organizations or businesses who have a cybersecurity background.

1-36 (c) The council shall elect a presiding officer from among  
1-37 its members.

1-38 (d) A council member serves at the pleasure of the executive  
1-39 director.

1-40 Sec. 2054.503. COMPENSATION. A council member serves  
1-41 without compensation or reimbursement of expenses.

1-42 Sec. 2054.504. COUNCIL POWERS AND DUTIES. (a) The council  
1-43 shall:

1-44 (1) at least quarterly, meet at the call of the  
1-45 presiding officer; and

1-46 (2) conduct an interim study and make recommendations  
1-47 to the executive director regarding:

1-48 (A) improving the infrastructure of this state's  
1-49 cybersecurity operations with existing resources and through  
1-50 partnerships between government, business, and institutions of  
1-51 higher education; and

1-52 (B) examining specific actions to accelerate the  
1-53 growth of cybersecurity as an industry in this state.

1-54 (b) The council may request the assistance of state  
1-55 agencies, departments, or offices to carry out its duties.

1-56 Sec. 2054.505. REPORT. Not later than December 1, 2012, the  
1-57 council shall submit a report based on its findings to:

1-58 (1) the executive director;

1-59 (2) the governor;

1-60 (3) the lieutenant governor;

1-61 (4) the speaker of the house of representatives;

1-62 (5) the higher education committees of the senate and  
1-63 house of representatives;

1-64 (6) the House Committee on Technology, Economic

2-1 Development, and Workforce; and

2-2 (7) the Senate Committee on Economic Development.

2-3 Sec. 2054.506. EXPIRATION OF SUBCHAPTER. This subchapter  
2-4 expires and the council is abolished September 1, 2013.

2-5 SECTION 2. Not later than the 30th day after the effective  
2-6 date of this Act, the executive director of the Department of  
2-7 Information Resources shall appoint the members of the  
2-8 Cybersecurity, Education, and Economic Development Council as  
2-9 established by Subchapter N, Chapter 2054, Government Code, as  
2-10 added by this Act.

2-11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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