

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2638
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Technology
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The Texas Cybersecurity, Education, and Economic Development Council facilitates relationships between members representing governmental agencies, businesses, and institutions of higher education in an effort to advance cybersecurity initiatives while also providing research for the improvement of the state's cybersecurity infrastructure. Interested parties assert that the role of the council will be especially important as various recommendations made in the council's 2012 report begin to be put into action. H.B. 2638 seeks to enhance the efficacy of the council's recommendations by extending the council for an additional two years.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 2638 amends the Government Code to continue the Cybersecurity, Education, and Economic Development Council by changing the expiration date of statutory provisions relating to the council's operation from September 1, 2013, to September 1, 2015.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, the 91st day after the last day of the legislative session.