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H.B. No. 2576

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the appointment of a state cybersecurity coordinator.

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

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

SUBCHAPTER O. STATE CYBERSECURITY

Sec. 2054.551. CYBERSECURITY COORDINATOR. The executive director shall designate an employee of the department as the state cybersecurity coordinator to oversee cybersecurity matters for this state.

Sec. 2054.552. PRIVATE INDUSTRY-GOVERNMENT COUNCIL. The state cybersecurity coordinator may establish a council that includes public and private sector leaders and cybersecurity practitioners to collaborate on matters of cybersecurity concerning this state.

Sec. 2054.553. CYBERSECURITY APPROVAL SEAL. The state cybersecurity coordinator may establish a voluntary program that recognizes private and public entities functioning with exemplary cybersecurity practices.

Sec. 2054.554. RECOMMENDATIONS. The state cybersecurity coordinator may implement any portion or all of the recommendations made by the Cybersecurity, Education, and Economic Development Council under Subchapter N.

SECTION 2. Not later than December 31, 2013, the executive

1 director of the Department of Information Resources shall designate
2 a state cybersecurity coordinator, as required by Section 2054.551,
3 Government Code, as added by this Act.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
8 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
9 legislative session.