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S.B. No. 1878

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a study on the feasibility of implementing more secure  
3 access requirements for electronically stored information held by  
4 the state.

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

6 SECTION 1. STUDY OF IDENTIFICATION AND ACCESS MANAGEMENT.

7 The Department of Information Resources shall conduct a study to  
8 determine the feasibility of implementing new identification and  
9 access requirements for accessing certain information that is  
10 electronically stored by the state, including personal identifying  
11 information and sensitive personal information, as those terms are  
12 defined by Section [521.002](#), Business & Commerce Code.

13 SECTION 2. COLLABORATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES. In

14 conducting the study, the Department of Information Resources shall  
15 collaborate with other agencies to consider the needs or concerns  
16 specific to those agencies.

17 SECTION 3. SCOPE OF STUDY. The study must:

18 (1) examine the relative costs and benefits of various  
19 forms of identification and access management, including  
20 multifactor authentication;

21 (2) evaluate various data loss and recovery systems or  
22 programs;

23 (3) evaluate various security information and event  
24 management systems or programs; and

1           (4) develop a strategy by which the Department of  
2 Information Resources may most effectively negotiate for the use of  
3 the preferred systems or programs across agencies at the lowest  
4 cost to the state.

5           SECTION 4. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS. (a) The Department  
6 of Information Resources shall issue a written report to the  
7 governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of  
8 representatives that includes the department's evaluation of the  
9 available systems and programs and provides recommendations  
10 regarding department action or legislation that will secure  
11 sensitive information held by the state and allow for the best  
12 response in the event any information is compromised.

13           (b) The report must be issued not later than November 30,  
14 2016.

15           SECTION 5. EXPIRATION. This Act expires December 1, 2016.

16           SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September  
17 1, 2015.