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H.B. No. 3780

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of a state secondary Internet website domain name server.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 418, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 418.193 to read as follows:

Sec. 418.193. SECONDARY INTERNET WEBSITE DOMAIN NAME SERVER. (a) In this section, "domain name server" means a server connected to the Internet that acts as a directory of Internet website domain names and the websites' corresponding Internet Protocol (IP) addresses and that translates between the domain name and IP address to allow an individual to search for an Internet website by domain name.

(b) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall select an appropriate department or entity of an institution of higher education, as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code, to develop and build a secondary Internet website domain name server.

(c) The governor is responsible for managing the operations of the secondary Internet website domain name server and may contract with a third party to maintain and manage the operations of the domain name server.

(d) The governor may deploy the domain name server at the governor's discretion.

SECTION 2. (a) As soon as practicable after the effective

1 date of this Act, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board  
2 shall select a department or entity of an institution of higher  
3 education to develop and build a secondary Internet website domain  
4 name server, as described by Section 418.193, Government Code, as  
5 added by this Act.

6 (b) The department or entity of an institution of higher  
7 education selected by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating  
8 Board, as described by Subsection (a) of this section, shall  
9 complete building the domain name server not later than December  
10 31, 2018.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.