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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring The University of Texas at San Antonio to conduct a study regarding cyber attacks against financial institutions in this state.

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

SECTION 1.  Chapter 71, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 71.07 to read as follows:

Sec. 71.07.  STUDY AND REPORT REGARDING CYBER ATTACKS AGAINST FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. (a) In this section:

(1)  "Breach of system security" has the meaning assigned by Section 521.053, Business & Commerce Code.

(2)  "Financial institution" has the meaning assigned by Section 201.101, Finance Code.

(b)  The University of Texas at San Antonio shall conduct a study regarding cyber attacks against financial institutions in this state. The study must include:

(1)   an evaluation of:

(A)  the prevalence and impact of and breaches of system security resulting from cyber attacks on financial institutions; and

(B)  the vulnerability of financial institutions to cyber attacks and the security risks cyber attacks present to those institutions;

(2)  the identification of:

(A)  any projects necessary to modernize the security systems of financial institutions;

(B)  any recommendations to improve the cybersecurity infrastructure of financial institutions; and

(C)  best practices to prevent or lessen the impact of cyber attacks on financial institutions; and

(3)  an examination of any other aspect of cyber attacks on the operation of financial institutions as considered appropriate by the university.

(c)  In conducting the study, the university shall consult with:

(1)  the Department of Information Resources;

(2)  the Texas Department of Banking;

(3)  the Department of Savings and Mortgage Lending;

(4)  the Credit Union Department;

(5)  community stakeholders; and

(6)  other interested parties.

(d)  To the extent permitted by state or federal law, a financial institution shall cooperate with and provide, on request, information to The University of Texas at San Antonio to allow the university to perform its duties under this section.

(e)  Not later than December 1, 2020, The University of Texas at San Antonio shall submit a written report on the results of the study to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the presiding officer of each standing committee of the senate and house of representatives having primary jurisdiction over financial services matters and to the Legislative Budget Board. The report must include any recommendations for changes to applicable state statutes or rules.

(f)  This section expires September 1, 2021.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.