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H.B. No. 2689

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the designation of a cybersecurity coordinator by each school district.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 37, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 37.116 to read as follows:

Sec. 37.116. DISTRICT CYBERSECURITY. (a) In this section:

(1) "Cyber attack" means an attempt to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer, computer network, or computer system.

(2) "Cybersecurity" means the measures taken to protect a computer, computer network, or computer system against unauthorized use or access.

(b) The superintendent of each school district shall designate a cybersecurity coordinator to serve as a liaison between the district and the agency in cybersecurity matters.

(c) The district's cybersecurity coordinator shall report to the agency any cyber attack, attempted cyber attack, or other cybersecurity incident against the district cyberinfrastructure as soon as practicable after the discovery of the attack or incident.

(d) Information reported under Subsection (c) is confidential and not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code.

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