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H.B. No. 3834

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the requirement that certain state and local government
3 employees and state contractors complete a cybersecurity training
4 program certified by the state cybersecurity coordinator.

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

6 SECTION 1. The heading to Subchapter N-1, Chapter 2054,
7 Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

8 SUBCHAPTER N-1. ~~[STATE]~~ CYBERSECURITY

9 SECTION 2. Section 2054.518(a), Government Code, is amended
10 to read as follows:

11 (a) The department shall develop a plan to address
12 cybersecurity risks and incidents in this state. The department
13 may enter into an agreement with a national organization, including
14 the National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium, to support the
15 department's efforts in implementing the components of the plan for
16 which the department lacks resources to address internally. The
17 agreement may include provisions for:

18 (1) ~~[providing fee reimbursement for appropriate~~
19 ~~industry-recognized certification examinations for and training to~~
20 ~~state agencies preparing for and responding to cybersecurity risks~~
21 ~~and incidents;~~

22 ~~[(2) developing and maintaining a cybersecurity risks~~
23 ~~and incidents curriculum using existing programs and models for~~
24 ~~training state agencies;~~

1 ~~[(3) delivering to state agency personnel with access~~
2 ~~to state agency networks routine training related to appropriately~~
3 ~~protecting and maintaining information technology systems and~~
4 ~~devices, implementing cybersecurity best practices, and mitigating~~
5 ~~cybersecurity risks and vulnerabilities,~~

6 ~~[(4)]~~ providing technical assistance services to
7 support preparedness for and response to cybersecurity risks and
8 incidents;

9 (2) ~~[(5) conducting cybersecurity training and~~
10 ~~simulation exercises for state agencies to encourage coordination~~
11 ~~in defending against and responding to cybersecurity risks and~~
12 ~~incidents,~~

13 ~~[(6)]~~ assisting state agencies in developing
14 cybersecurity information-sharing programs to disseminate
15 information related to cybersecurity risks and incidents; and

16 (3) ~~[(7)]~~ incorporating cybersecurity risk and
17 incident prevention and response methods into existing state
18 emergency plans, including continuity of operation plans and
19 incident response plans.

20 SECTION 3. Subchapter N-1, Chapter [2054](#), Government Code,
21 is amended by adding Sections 2054.519, 2054.5191, and 2054.5192 to
22 read as follows:

23 Sec. 2054.519. STATE CERTIFIED CYBERSECURITY TRAINING
24 PROGRAMS. (a) The state cybersecurity coordinator, in consultation
25 with the cybersecurity council established under Section [2054.512](#)
26 and industry stakeholders, shall annually:

27 (1) certify at least 20 cybersecurity training

1 programs for state and local government employees; and

2 (2) update standards for maintenance of certification
3 by the cybersecurity training programs under this section.

4 (b) To be certified under Subsection (a), a cybersecurity
5 training program must include activities, case studies,
6 hypothetical situations, and other methods that:

7 (1) focus on forming information security habits and
8 procedures that protect information resources; and

9 (2) teach best practices for detecting, assessing,
10 reporting, and addressing information security threats.

11 (c) The department may contract with an independent third
12 party to certify cybersecurity training programs under this
13 section.

14 (d) The department shall annually publish on the
15 department's Internet website the list of cybersecurity training
16 programs certified under this section.

17 Sec. 2054.5191. CYBERSECURITY TRAINING REQUIRED: CERTAIN
18 EMPLOYEES. (a) At least once each year, a state or local government
19 employee that uses a computer to complete at least 25 percent of the
20 employee's required duties shall complete a cybersecurity training
21 program certified under Section 2054.519.

22 (b) The governing body of a local government may select the
23 most appropriate cybersecurity training program certified under
24 Section 2054.519 for employees of the local government to complete.
25 The governing body shall:

26 (1) verify and report on the completion of a
27 cybersecurity training program by employees of the local government

1 to the state cybersecurity coordinator or the coordinator's
2 designee; and

3 (2) require periodic audits to ensure compliance with
4 this section.

5 (c) A state agency may select the most appropriate
6 cybersecurity training program certified under Section 2054.519
7 for employees of the state agency. The executive head of each state
8 agency shall verify completion of a cybersecurity training program
9 by employees of the state agency in a manner specified by the state
10 cybersecurity coordinator.

11 (d) The state cybersecurity coordinator shall require
12 periodic audits of state agencies to ensure compliance with this
13 section.

14 Sec. 2054.5192. CYBERSECURITY TRAINING REQUIRED: CERTAIN
15 STATE CONTRACTORS. (a) In this section, "contractor" includes a
16 subcontractor, officer, or employee of the contractor.

17 (b) A state agency shall require any contractor who has
18 access to a state computer system or database to complete a
19 cybersecurity training program certified under Section 2054.519 as
20 selected by the agency.

21 (c) The cybersecurity training program must be completed by
22 a contractor during the term of the contract and during any renewal
23 period.

24 (d) Required completion of a cybersecurity training program
25 must be included in the terms of a contract awarded by a state
26 agency to a contractor.

27 (e) A contractor required to complete a cybersecurity

1 training program under this section shall verify completion of the
2 program to the contracting state agency. The agency's contract
3 manager shall:

4 (1) report the contractor's completion to the state
5 cybersecurity coordinator or the coordinator's designee; and

6 (2) conduct periodic audits to ensure compliance with
7 this section.

8 SECTION 4. Section 2054.518(c), Government Code, is
9 repealed.

10 SECTION 5. The changes in law made by this Act apply to a
11 contract entered into or renewed on or after the effective date of
12 this Act. A contract entered into or renewed before the effective
13 date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the
14 contract was entered into or renewed and the former law is continued
15 in effect for that purpose.

16 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.