

By: Nelson, West

S.B. No. 820

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a requirement that a school district develop and maintain a cybersecurity framework.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 11, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 11.175 to read as follows:

Sec. 11.175. 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) Each school district shall develop and maintain a cybersecurity framework for:

(1) the securing of district cyberinfrastructure against cyber attacks and other cybersecurity incidents; and

(2) cybersecurity risk assessment and mitigation planning.

(c) A school district's cybersecurity framework must be consistent with the information security standards for institutions of higher education adopted by the Department of Information Resources under Chapters 2054 and 2059, Government Code.

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

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

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