

1-1 By: Capriglione, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 584  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 3, 2023;  
 1-3 April 5, 2023, read first time and referred to Subcommittee on  
 1-4 Higher Education; May 10, 2023, reported favorably from Committee  
 1-5 on Education by the following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 10, 2023,  
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-22 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-23 AN ACT

1-24 relating to the development of a state information technology  
 1-25 credential offered by public junior colleges or public technical  
 1-26 institutes to address shortages in the state information resources  
 1-27 workforce.

1-28 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-29 SECTION 1. Section 2054.061(b), Government Code, is amended  
 1-30 to read as follows:

1-31 (b) The department shall annually analyze:

1-32 (1) the department's staffing needs;

1-33 (2) the need for and cost-effectiveness of contracting  
 1-34 for consultants and outside staff;

1-35 (3) whether the department could use department staff  
 1-36 to accomplish tasks proposed for the consultants and outside staff;  
 1-37 ~~and~~

1-38 (4) whether and what type of training or additional  
 1-39 resources are necessary for the department to use the department's  
 1-40 own staff to accomplish tasks proposed for the consultants or  
 1-41 outside staff; and

1-42 (5) whether entering into an agreement with a public  
 1-43 junior college district or public technical institute under Section  
 1-44 2054.0701 is appropriate to assist the department in meeting  
 1-45 staffing needs.

1-46 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 2054, Government Code, is  
 1-47 amended by adding Section 2054.0701 to read as follows:

1-48 Sec. 2054.0701. STATE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CREDENTIAL.

1-49 (a) In this section, "public technical institute" has the meaning  
 1-50 assigned by Section 61.003, Education Code.

1-51 (b) The department may enter into an agreement with a public  
 1-52 junior college district under Section 130.0081, Education Code, or  
 1-53 a public technical institute under Section 135.06, Education Code,  
 1-54 or other applicable law to offer a program leading to a state  
 1-55 information technology credential to address shortages in the state  
 1-56 information resources workforce.

1-57 (c) A program offered under this section must:

1-58 (1) be approved by the Texas Higher Education  
 1-59 Coordinating Board in accordance with Section 61.0512, Education  
 1-60 Code;

1-61 (2) develop the knowledge and skills necessary for an

2-1 entry-level information technology position in a state agency; and  
 2-2 (3) include a one-year apprenticeship with:  
 2-3 (A) the department;  
 2-4 (B) another relevant state agency;  
 2-5 (C) an organization working on a major  
 2-6 information resources project; or  
 2-7 (D) a regional network security center  
 2-8 established under Section 2059.202.  
 2-9 (d) The executive director shall update the department's  
 2-10 intra-agency career ladder program to ensure that an associate  
 2-11 degree together with a credential awarded under this section may be  
 2-12 substituted for a four-year baccalaureate degree.  
 2-13 (e) The classification officer in the office of the state  
 2-14 auditor shall review the state's position classification plan to  
 2-15 determine whether an associate degree together with a credential  
 2-16 awarded under this section may be substituted for a four-year  
 2-17 baccalaureate degree and revise relevant job descriptions  
 2-18 accordingly.  
 2-19 (f) If a program offered under this section is not fully  
 2-20 funded through tuition and other money of the public junior college  
 2-21 district or public technical institute available for the purpose,  
 2-22 the department may:  
 2-23 (1) use any money available to the department for the  
 2-24 purpose to offer a program under this section; and  
 2-25 (2) solicit and accept gifts, grants, and donations  
 2-26 from any public or private source for purposes of offering a program  
 2-27 under this section.  
 2-28 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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