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H.B. No. 1605

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the powers and duties of the Department of Information Resources regarding cybersecurity.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 2054, Government Code, is amended by adding Sections 2054.0591 and 2054.0592 to read as follows:

Sec. 2054.0591. CYBERSECURITY REPORT. Not later than August 31 of each even-numbered year, the department shall submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the legislature a report identifying preventive and recovery efforts the state can undertake to improve cybersecurity in this state. The report must include:

(1) an assessment of the resources available to address the operational and financial impacts of a cybersecurity event;

(2) a review of existing statutes regarding cybersecurity and information resources technologies;

(3) recommendations for legislative action to increase the state's cybersecurity and protect against adverse impacts from a cybersecurity event;

(4) an evaluation of the costs and benefits of cybersecurity insurance; and

(5) an evaluation of tertiary disaster recovery

1 options.

2 Sec. 2054.0592. CYBERSECURITY EMERGENCY FUNDING. If a
3 cybersecurity event creates a need for emergency funding, the
4 department may request that the governor or Legislative Budget
5 Board make a proposal under Chapter 317 to provide funding to manage
6 the operational and financial impacts from the cybersecurity event.

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.