

CYBERSECURITY TIPS AND TOOLS - SB 820 AND HB 3834 (86TH) UPDATES FOR TEXAS SCHOOL DISTRICTS

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Data Security Advisory Committee

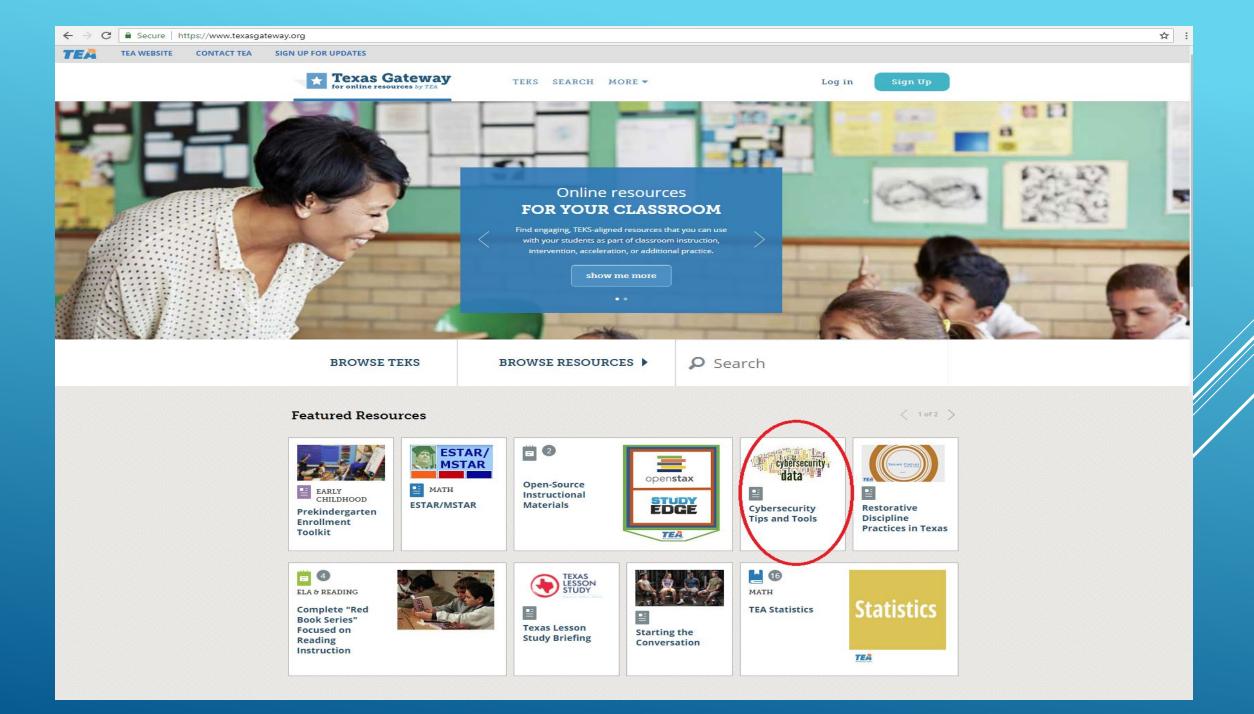
The Data Security Advisory Committee (DSAC) provides guidance to the Texas education communities, maximizing collaboration and communication regarding information security issues and resources which can be utilized within the educational communities served.

The DSAC is currently comprised of representatives from school districts, ESCs, TEA and the private sector.

Texas Gateway

https://www.texasgateway.org/

Cybersecurity Tips and Tools



- (b) Each school district shall adopt a cybersecurity policy to:
- (1) Secure district cyberinfrastructure against cyber-attacks and other cybersecurity incidents
- > (2) Determine cybersecurity risk and implement mitigation planning
- > (3) Designate a Cybersecurity Coordinator
- > (4) Report a "breach of system security" to TEA
- > (5) Notify parents of breach of protected student information
- (c) School district's cybersecurity policy may not conflict with the information security standards for institutions of higher education adopted by the Department of Information Resources under Chapters 2054 and 2059, Government Code. (**Texas Cybersecurity Framework**)

- (d) 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. (in the AskTED application)
- (e) The district 's cybersecurity coordinator shall report to the agency any cyber-attack or other cybersecurity incident against the district cyberinfrastructure that constitutes a **breach of system security** as soon as practicable after the discovery of the attack or incident.
 - (1) "Breach of system security" means an incident in which student information that is sensitive, protected, or confidential, as provided by state or federal law, is stolen or copied, transmitted, viewed, or used by a person unauthorized to engage in that action.

(f) The district 's cybersecurity coordinator shall provide notice to a parent of or person standing in parental relation to a student enrolled in the district of an attack or incident for which a report is required under Subsection (e) involving the student 's information.

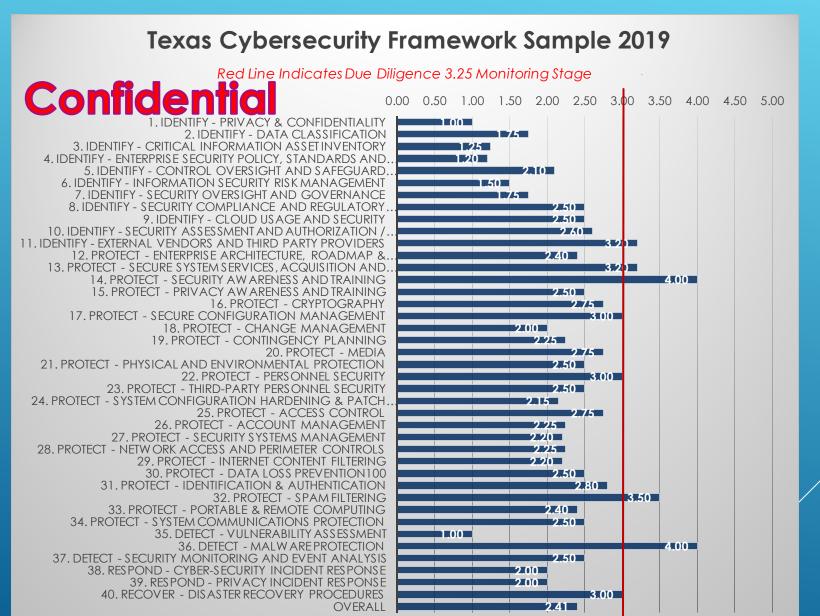
SB 820 Enforcement

TEA may enforce this provision of the Texas Education Code, section 11.175, through special accreditation investigations pursuant to section 39.057(a)(16).

Texas Cybersecurity Framework

Five NIST Functions

- > Identify
- > Protect
- > Detect
- > Respond
- > Recover



Frameworks which can be considered for SB820

NIST Cybersecurity Framework

https://www.nist.gov/cybersecurityframework

CIS RAM (Center for Internet Security® Risk Assessment Method)

https://learn.cisecurity.org/cis-ram

CIS CAT Lite (Center for Internet Security® Configuration Assessment Tool)

https://www.cisecurity.org/blog/introducing-cis-cat-lite/

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Small & Medium Business

Understanding the need for Value is at the core of all business, but it is the heart beat of Small and Medium Businesses. We have opened a once unaccessible capability and priced it to win your business.



Enterprise & Higher Education

Ongoing visibility, effectively communicate, reduced risk and developing roadmaps remains elusive and costly for most enterprises. Leveraging technology, and our community of peers, we have unlocked one of cybersecurity's most challenging questions.



MINERVA

https://v3cybersecurity.com/

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

Sec. 2054.519. STATE CERTIFIED CYBERSECURITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

DIR, in consultation with the cybersecurity council established under Section 2054.512 and industry stakeholders, shall annually certify at least five cybersecurity training programs for state and local government employees.

Government Code Title 10 Chapter Section 2054.003. DEFINITIONS.

(9) "Local government" means a county, municipality, special district, school district, junior college district, or other political subdivision of the state.

Sec. 2054.5191. CYBERSECURITY TRAINING REQUIRED:

(a-1) At least once each year, a local government shall identify local government employees who have access to a local government computer system or database and require those employees and elected officials of the local government to complete a cybersecurity training program certified under Section 2054.519 or offered under Section 2054.519(f).

- (b) The governing body of a local government may select the most appropriate cybersecurity training program certified under Section 2054.519 or offered under Section 2054.519(f) for employees of the local government to complete. The governing body shall:
- (1) verify and report on the completion of a cybersecurity training program by employees of the local government to the department (DIR); and
- (2) require periodic audits to ensure compliance with this section.
- If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

A list of certified programs is posted DIR's website below:

https://dir.texas.gov/View-About-DIR/Information-Security/Pages/Content.aspx?id=154

Statewide Training Requirements

Annual training must be completed by June 14, 2020 by the following employees:

- Local Government (including school districts) Entities: Employees who
 have access to a local government computer system or database, and
 elected officials.
- Schools districts should determine definition of employee

How will local governments (including school districts) report training compliance?

- ➤ Local government employees will self-report their training compliance using Texas by Texas (TxT). The expected launch date for this application is February 2020.
- ➤ In June, DIR will send a detailed report from the TxT application to each local government (including school districts) entity to verify training compliance.
- ➤ Although the self-reporting capability will not be available until early February, employees can take their certified cybersecurity training at any time prior to June 14, 2020.

Can a school district file for an exception if we have our own Security Awareness Program?

YES!

Local Government Cybersecurity Training & Awareness Program Exception Form

The cybersecurity officer:

- •Has responsibility for information security for their represented organization
- •Possesses training and experience required to administer cybersecurity functions
- •Has information security duties as their primary duty ("primary" is defined as greater than 50% of the employee's workload).

The training program has been reviewed by the cybersecurity officer and meets the requirements. Refer to the Course Certification Checklist for the detailed list of mandatory course/program topics:

- •Requirement 1: Information security habits and procedures that protect information resources
- •Requirement 2: Best practices for detecting, assessing, reporting, and addressing information security threats
- Proof of Completion

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Questions?