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Business Leaders Praise House Leadership; Supports Texas Cybersecurity Act

AUSTIN – Today, the Texas Business Leadership Council came out in support of HB 8, which calls for a review of the state’s cyber security protocols, better security measures to lock down sensitive data, and provides for more accountability to those who manage Texas’ cyber infrastructure.

The bill’s author, Rep. Giovanni Capriglione, R-Southlake, said "As the use of technology increases in our daily lives, it is more important than ever that private citizen data is protected. With more sensitive information stored online, we need the necessary tools to educate and protect ourselves from the rapidly evolving world of sophisticated cyberattacks."

Recommendations in the legislation include: a comprehensive study on state agency data storage and records management practices, with the associated costs to the state; agency heads and their chief information security officers will be required to develop, approve, and sign off on each agency’s information security plan and strategy to address risk; data security plans for online and mobile applications must be considered and implemented; and, individual-identifying information, that is not required to be retained, must be destroyed.

“The TBLC has worked with Capitol leadership to prioritize cyber security preparedness. We believe that our no-cost and low-cost recommendations will better protect us from a breach.” said Justin Yancy, president of the TBLC. “Further, I thank Speaker Straus for making HB 8 a priority and for Rep. Capriglione for crafting such a comprehensive plan. Strengthening our cyber infrastructure has been long overdue.”

The Texas Business Leadership Council is a network of Texas based CEOs and senior business executives who advance a long-term vision of a prosperous Texas in a globally competitive business environment.

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