

SUBJECT: Computer system vulnerability reports for state agencies

COMMITTEE: State Affairs — committee substitute recommended

VOTE: 10 ayes — Wolens, S. Turner, Counts, Craddick, Danburg, Hunter, Longoria, McCall, McClendon, Merritt

0 nays

5 absent — Bailey, Brimer, Hilbert, D. Jones, Marchant

WITNESSES: For — None

Against — None

On — Eddie Esquivel, Department of Information Resources; *Registered but did not testify*: Mel Mireles, Department of Information Resources

DIGEST: CSHB 249 would allow the information resources manager of a state agency to prepare or have prepared a report on the extent to which the agency's computer systems were vulnerable to unauthorized access or harm. The report would be confidential and not subject to public disclosure.

On request, the manager would have to provide the report to the Department of Information Resources, the state auditor, and any other oversight group designated by the Legislature to receive the report. The agency would have to prepare a summary of the report that would be available to the public and not compromise the security of the agency's or its contractors' computer systems.

This bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2001.

NOTES: The committee substitute modified the original by requiring the information resources manager to submit a copy of the vulnerability report to the state auditor on request.