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INDUSTRY NOTICE

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Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council Announces the Sunset of Cybersecurity Assessment Tool (CAT)

The Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC) has announced that the Cybersecurity Assessment Tool (CAT) will be sunset effective August 31, 2025. While we recognize that the CAT may be an integral part of your cybersecurity risk management practices, weaknesses in the CAT have emerged with the passage of time, and other resources are now available to provide a more comprehensive and current evaluation of cybersecurity risks and preparedness posture for your institution.

The Texas Department of Banking requires state-chartered banks annually assess their cybersecurity maturity and therefore, we encourage you to consider selecting an alternative tool for evaluating cybersecurity risks and preparedness posture as soon as possible.

While the Department does not endorse the use of any specific tool, there are several alternative tools available from government and industry-developed resources, including:

- National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework 2.0
- Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency's (CISA) Cross-Sector Cybersecurity Performance Goals
- Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency's (CISA) Cybersecurity Performance Goals for the Financial Sector (coming later in 2024)
- Cyber Risk Institute (CRI) Cyber Profile
- Center for Internet Security Critical Security Controls

Please feel free to contact Ms. Ruth Norris, Director of IT Security Examinations, with any questions you may have.