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H.B. No. 3344

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a study to project the economic and grid reliability  
3 effects that may result from interconnecting certain electric  
4 transmission facilities with transmission facilities operated by  
5 the Midcontinent Independent System Operator.

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

7 SECTION 1. The president of the University of Houston shall  
8 designate a department or entity at the university to conduct a  
9 study to project the economic effects and electric grid reliability  
10 effects that may result from:

11 (1) interconnecting transmission facilities that are  
12 located in Harris County with transmission facilities that are  
13 operated by the Midcontinent Independent System Operator; and

14 (2) allowing for the purchase of power at wholesale by  
15 entities in Harris County through markets operated by the  
16 Midcontinent Independent System Operator.

17 SECTION 2. The department or entity at the University of  
18 Houston designated by the president of the university to conduct  
19 the study under Section 1 of this Act shall prepare a report with  
20 the conclusions of the study and submit the report to the  
21 legislature and the Commissioners Court of Harris County not later  
22 than September 1, 2022.

23 SECTION 3. This Act expires December 1, 2022.

24 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.