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H.B. No. 3371

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to emergency operations and weatherization plans prepared by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 186, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Section 186.008 to read as follows:

Sec. 186.008. COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS AND WEATHERIZATION PLAN. (a) In this section, "commission" means the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

(b) Not later than January 1 of each year, the independent organization certified under Section 39.151 for the ERCOT power region shall prepare and deliver to the commission a comprehensive emergency operations and weatherization plan that includes:

(1) emergency operations plans currently on file with the organization;

(2) declarations of completion of weatherization preparations from all electric generation entities in the ERCOT power region; and

(3) relevant seasonal assessments of resource adequacy, including projected resource capabilities, peak demand forecasts, and expected unit outage forecasts.

(c) The commission shall analyze each emergency operations plan developed by the independent organization certified under Section 39.151 for the ERCOT power region and prepare a report on

1 emergency operations and weatherization preparedness in this state
2 that includes recommendations for improving the emergency
3 operations plan, if any.

4 (d) The commission shall submit the report described by
5 Subsection (c) to the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house
6 of representatives, and the members of the legislature not later
7 than September 1 of each year.

8 (e) Emergency operations plans described by Subsection
9 (b)(1) are public information except for the portions of the plans
10 considered confidential under Chapter 552, Government Code, or
11 other state or federal law.

12 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.