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H.B. No. 4264

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring the implementation of electric utilities' emergency operations plans.

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

SECTION 1. Section 187.007, Utilities Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 187.007. ~~WEATHER EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS REPORT~~
ELECTRIC SERVICE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN AND REPORTING
REQUIREMENTS. (a) In this section, "commission"; means the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

(a-1) ~~The commission shall analyze emergency operations plans developed by electric~~ Electric utilities as defined by Section 31.002, power generation companies, municipally owned utilities, and electric cooperatives that operate generation facilities in this state shall adopt and implement an electric service emergency operations plan for use during an emergency. The commission shall analyze electric service emergency operations plans and prepare a weather emergency preparedness report on power generation weatherization preparedness. In preparing the report, the commission shall:

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

(2) analyze and determine the ability of the electric grid to withstand extreme weather events in the upcoming year;

1 (3) consider the anticipated weather patters for the
2 upcoming year as forecasted by the National Weather Service or any
3 similar state or national agency;

4 (4) make recommendations on improving emergency
5 operations plans and procedures in order to ensure the continuity
6 of electric service.

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