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H.B. No. 4559

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the load shed protocols within the ERCOT power region;
authorizing a study.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter 2, Chapter 39, Utilities Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The Public Utility Commission of Texas shall work with the independent organization certified under Section 39.151, Utilities Code, for the ERCOT power region to:

(1) study and provide an analysis of load shed protocols implemented by the independent organization during extreme weather events, to determine whether residential elderly customers, low income residential customers, or residential customers with high risk medical conditions, experience harmful effects from the protocols; and

(2) consider changes that may be required to improve reliability of the electric grid system, including reducing rolling blackouts during extreme weather conditions.

(b) In conducting the analysis under Subsection (a) of this section, the commission must;

(1) seek stakeholder input and consider all generation resources, including distributed generation, electric storage, demand response, energy efficiency, and power generation; and

(2) provide an opportunity for a public hearing and

1 the submission of public comment.

2 (c) The commission shall submit the study described by
3 Subsection (a) to the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house
4 of representatives, and the members of the legislature not later
5 than December 1, 2021.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.