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S.B. No. 1351

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to demand-side electric energy resources in the competitive electric market.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 39, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Section 39.160 to read as follows:

Sec. 39.160. LOAD PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS. The commission and the independent organization certified under Section 39.151 for each power region shall allow load participation in all energy markets for residential, commercial, and industrial customer classes, directly or through aggregators of retail customers, to the extent that load participation by each customer class complies with requirements of the independent organization for ensuring reliability and adequacy of the regional electric network. The program for load participation must be designed and implemented in a manner to increase market efficiency, competition, and customer benefits.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.