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(1) the Electric Reliability Council of Texas;
(2) the Lower Colorado River Authority; 1-25 1-26 1-27 1-28 1-29 (3) a private school, as defined by Section 5.001, Education Code; 1-30 1-31 (4) private or independent institution of higher as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code; or (5) a volunteer fire department, as defined by Section 1-32 education, 1-33 Tax Code. 1-34 152.001 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015. 1-35

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