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S.B. No. 1174

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the submission of certain utility reports in electronic form.

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

SECTION 1. Section 39.909(c), Utilities Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Each electric utility shall submit an annual report to the commission and the legislature relating to its efforts to improve workforce diversity and contracting opportunities for small and historically underutilized businesses. The report must be submitted in electronic form on October 1 of each year or may be included as part of any other annual report submitted by the electric utility to the commission. The report must include:

(1) the diversity of the electric utility's workforce as of the time of the report;

(2) the electric utility's level of contracting with small and historically underutilized businesses;

(3) the specific progress made under the plan under Subsection (b);

(4) the specific initiatives, programs, and activities undertaken under the plan during the preceding year;

(5) an assessment of the success of each of those initiatives, programs, and activities;

(6) the extent to which the electric utility has

1 carried out its initiatives to facilitate opportunities for
2 contracts or joint ventures with small and historically
3 underutilized businesses; and

4 (7) the initiatives, programs, and activities the
5 electric utility will pursue during the next year to increase the
6 diversity of its workforce and contracting opportunities for small
7 and historically underutilized businesses.

8 SECTION 2. Section 52.256(c), Utilities Code, is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 (c) Each telecommunications utility shall submit an annual
11 report to the commission and the legislature relating to its
12 efforts to improve workforce diversity and contracting
13 opportunities for small and historically underutilized businesses.
14 The report must be submitted in electronic form and must include:

15 (1) the diversity of the telecommunications utility's
16 workforce as of the time of the report;

17 (2) the telecommunications utility's level of
18 contracting with small and historically underutilized businesses;

19 (3) the specific progress made under the plan under
20 Subsection (b);

21 (4) the specific initiatives, programs, and
22 activities undertaken under the plan during the preceding year;

23 (5) an assessment of the success of each of those
24 initiatives, programs, and activities;

25 (6) the extent to which the telecommunications utility
26 has carried out its initiatives to facilitate opportunities for
27 contracts or joint ventures with small and historically

1 underutilized businesses; and

2 (7) the initiatives, programs, and activities the
3 telecommunications utility will pursue during the next year to
4 increase the diversity of its workforce and contracting
5 opportunities for small and historically underutilized businesses.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.