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H.B. No. 2736

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to a report by the Public Utility Commission of Texas on  
3 the ability of electric generators to respond to abnormal weather  
4 conditions.

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

6 SECTION 1. Sections 186.007(a-1) and (d), Utilities Code,  
7 are amended to read as follows:

8 (a-1) The commission shall analyze emergency operations  
9 plans developed by electric utilities as defined by Section 31.002,  
10 power generation companies, municipally owned utilities, and  
11 electric cooperatives that operate generation facilities in this  
12 state and prepare a weather emergency preparedness report on power  
13 generation weatherization preparedness. In preparing the report,  
14 the commission shall:

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

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

19 (3) consider the anticipated weather patterns for the  
20 upcoming year and the potential for extreme events due to climate  
21 variability as forecasted by the National Weather Service or any  
22 similar state or national agency; and

23 (4) make recommendations on improving emergency  
24 operations plans and procedures in order to ensure the continuity

1 of electric service.

2 (d) The commission shall submit the report described by  
3 Subsection (a-1) to the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the  
4 house of representatives, and the members of the legislature not  
5 later than September 30, 2022 [~~2012~~].

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