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H.B. No. 2982

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the creation of a joint interim committee to study the
3 reliability of the ERCOT electric grid.

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

5 SECTION 1. INTERIM COMMITTEE; STUDY. (a) A joint interim
6 committee is established to study the reliability of the ERCOT
7 electric grid.

8 (b) The study must consider:

9 (1) the effectiveness of the ERCOT electric grid in
10 providing reliable power to residents of this state; and

11 (2) potential improvements to the ERCOT electric grid.

12 (c) The joint interim committee shall be composed of:

13 (1) two members of the senate appointed by the
14 lieutenant governor;

15 (2) two members of the house of representatives
16 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

17 (3) the members of the senate business and commerce
18 committee; and

19 (4) the members of the house state affairs committee.

20 (d) The chairs of the senate business and commerce committee
21 and the house state affairs committee shall serve as co-chairs of
22 the joint interim committee.

23 (e) The joint interim committee has all other powers and
24 duties provided to a special or select committee by the rules of the

1 senate and house of representatives, by Subchapter B, Chapter 301,
2 Government Code, and by policies of the senate and house committees
3 on administration.

4 (f) Not later than January 1, 2023, the joint interim
5 committee shall report the committee's findings and
6 recommendations to the governor and the members of the legislature.

7 SECTION 2. ABOLITION OF COMMITTEE. The joint interim
8 committee established by Section 1 of this Act is abolished and this
9 Act expires January 10, 2023.

10 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
11 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
12 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
13 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
14 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.