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S.B. No. 744

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the reporting on infrastructure and maintenance by electric utilities.

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

SECTION 1. Section Sec. 38.101 of the Utilities Code, REPORT ON INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE, is amended to read as follows:

(a) identifying areas that are susceptible to damage during severe weather and hardening transmission and distribution facilities in those areas;

(1) identifying areas that are susceptible to damage during severe weather and hardening transmission and distribution facilities in those areas;

(2) vegetation management; and

(3) inspecting distribution poles.

(b) Each electric utility shall include in a report required under Subsection (a) a summary of the utility's activities related to preparing for emergency operations.

(c) Each electric utility shall include in a report required under Subsection (a) a map of Feeder lines and all other lines that connect the substation to the area where power is to be finally distributed to the consumers.

(1) All identified lines are also to be made public on the utilities website and labeled the following:

1           (A) "Connected", as defined by "Nodal Operating Guide"  
2 of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, or

3           (B) "Disconnected" as defined by "Nodal Operating  
4 Guide" of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas.

5           (2) If a line is labeled "Disconnected," the line needs to  
6 be labeled with one of the following reasons for disconnect:

7           (A) Critical

8           (B) Standard

9           (C) Under-Frequency

10          (D) No longer in use

11          SECTION 2. This Act applies only to a report originally due  
12 on or after the effective date of this Act.

13          SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.