

1-1 By: Hughes S.B. No. 672
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed December 19, 2024; February 3, 2025,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Health & Human
1-4 Services; April 28, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0;
1-6 April 28, 2025, sent to printer.)

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| 1-7 | COMMITTEE VOTE | | | |
| 1-8 | | Yea | Nay | Absent |
| 1-9 | Kolkhorst | X | | PNV |
| 1-10 | Perry | X | | |
| 1-11 | Blanco | X | | |
| 1-12 | Cook | X | | |
| 1-13 | Hall | X | | |
| 1-14 | Hancock | X | | |
| 1-15 | Hughes | X | | |
| 1-16 | Miles | X | | |
| 1-17 | Sparks | | | X |

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 672 By: Perry

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to a requirement that certain hospitals submit a summary
1-22 of parts of their emergency operations plans to the Health and Human
1-23 Services Commission.
1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-25 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 311, Health and Safety
1-26 Code, is amended by adding Section 311.025 to read as follows:
1-27 Sec. 311.025. SUMMARY OF CERTAIN PARTS OF EMERGENCY
1-28 OPERATIONS PLAN. (a) In this section:
1-29 (1) "Commission" means the Health and Human Services
1-30 Commission.
1-31 (2) "Emergency operations plan" means a hospital's
1-32 process for temporarily routing patients in need of emergency
1-33 services to other hospitals or health facilities during a period
1-34 when:
1-35 (A) the hospital's capacity to provide emergency
1-36 services to those patients is significantly diminished; and
1-37 (B) the patients, if routed to the hospital,
1-38 would likely receive substantially delayed care resulting in worse
1-39 health outcomes than would otherwise occur were the patient routed
1-40 to another hospital or health facility.
1-41 (3) "Hospital" means a hospital licensed under Chapter
1-42 241.
1-43 (b) This section applies only to a hospital that has an
1-44 emergency department or otherwise regularly provides emergency
1-45 services.
1-46 (c) A hospital to which this section applies shall submit to
1-47 the commission a written summary of the part of the hospital's
1-48 emergency operations plan that addresses diversions from the
1-49 hospital's emergency department in the event that the hospital
1-50 experiences a cyber attack or an electrical power outage.
1-51 (d) If a hospital to which this section applies makes
1-52 changes to the part of the plan described by Subsection (c), the
1-53 hospital shall update the previously submitted summary and submit
1-54 the updated summary to the commission not later than the 30th day
1-55 after the date the changes to the plan are adopted by the hospital's
1-56 governing body or otherwise approved by the appropriate hospital
1-57 administrator.
1-58 (e) A summary submitted to the commission under this section
1-59 is confidential and excepted from public disclosure under Chapter
1-60 552, Government Code.

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2-1 SECTION 2. A hospital to which Section 311.025, Health and
2-2 Safety Code, as added by this Act, applies shall comply with the
2-3 requirements of that section not later than December 1, 2025.
2-4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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