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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to advanced communications infrastructure security;  
3 authorizing a fee; providing administrative penalties.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subtitle C, Title 2, Utilities Code, is amended  
6 by adding Chapter 67 to read as follows:

## CHAPTER 67. ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY

Sec. 67.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(2) "Advanced communications service" means:

15 (B) any other telecommunications capability  
16 that:

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(4) "Company" has the meaning assigned by Section 117.001, Business & Commerce Code.

(5) "Federally banned company" means a company that produces or provides communications equipment or services listed as of September 1, 2025, on the covered list published by the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau of the Federal Communications Commission, as required by 47 C.F.R. Section 1.50002.

Sec. 67.002. ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE. (a)

9 An advanced communications service provider may not construct  
10 advanced communications infrastructure after August 31, 2025, that  
11 includes any equipment produced or provided by a federally banned  
12 company.

25 Sec. 67.003. REGISTRATION WITH COMMISSION. (a) An  
26 advanced communications service provider that uses advanced  
27 communications infrastructure produced or provided by a federally

1 banned company shall register with the commission annually.

2       (b) Each registered advanced communications service  
3 provider shall:

4           (1) pay to the commission an annual registration fee  
5 prescribed by the commission in an amount sufficient to cover the  
6 cost of administering the registration program; and

7           (2) maintain on file with the commission the following  
8 information:

9               (A) the name, address, telephone number, and  
10 e-mail address of an employee of the provider with managerial  
11 responsibility for the provider's operations in this state;

12               (B) the geographic coordinates of the areas  
13 served by any advanced communications infrastructure required to be  
14 replaced by the provider under Section 67.002;

15               (C) whether the advanced communications service  
16 provider is a participant in the federal Secure and Trusted  
17 Communications Networks Reimbursement Program; and

18               (D) any other information required by the  
19 commission.

20       Sec. 67.004. REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPANT IN SECURE AND  
21 TRUSTED COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM. An  
22 advanced communications service provider that is a participant in  
23 the federal Secure and Trusted Communications Networks  
24 Reimbursement Program shall:

25           (1) report to the commission not later than January 1  
26 of each year all communications equipment or services operated by  
27 the provider eligible for replacement reimbursement from the

1 program and the geographic coordinates of the areas served by that  
2 equipment or service; and

3                   (2) submit a quarterly report to the commission that  
4 includes any information required by the commission regarding the  
5 advanced communications service provider's compliance with the  
6 requirements of the program.

7                   Sec. 67.005. ENFORCEMENT. (a) The commission shall assess  
8 an administrative penalty in the manner provided by Chapter 15 in an  
9 amount of at least \$5,000 and not more than \$25,000 against an  
10 advanced communications service provider for each violation of this  
11 chapter. Each day a violation continues or occurs may be considered  
12 a separate violation for purposes of imposing a penalty.

13                   (b) The commission shall assess an administrative penalty  
14 in the manner provided by Chapter 15 in an amount of at least  
15 \$10,000 and not more than \$20,000 against an advanced  
16 communications service provider that knowingly files a false  
17 registration under Section 67.003. Each day a violation continues  
18 or occurs may be considered a separate violation for purposes of  
19 imposing a penalty.

20                   (c) Notwithstanding any other law, an advanced  
21 communications service provider that does not comply with this  
22 chapter may not:

23                   (1) receive state or local funds for the development  
24 or maintenance of advanced communications infrastructure,  
25 including disbursements from the state universal service fund  
26 established under Section 56.021; or

27                   (2) receive any federal funds that are subject to

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1 distribution by state or local governments for the development or  
2 maintenance of new or existing advanced communications  
3 infrastructure.

4 Sec. 67.006. MAP. (a) The commission shall develop a map  
5 of known advanced communications infrastructure installed in this  
6 state that was produced or provided by a federally banned company.

7 (b) The map must include:

8 (1) the location of the advanced communications  
9 infrastructure and the areas served by the infrastructure;  
10 (2) the advanced communications service provider  
11 responsible for the advanced communications infrastructure; and  
12 (3) a description of the advanced communications  
13 infrastructure, including the manufacturer and equipment type.

14 SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2027, an advanced  
15 communications service provider to which Section 67.002(b),  
16 Utilities Code, as added by this Act, applies shall, as applicable:

17 (1) register with the Public Utility Commission of  
18 Texas as required by Section 67.003, Utilities Code, as added by  
19 this Act; and

20 (2) submit to the Public Utility Commission of Texas  
21 the first reports required by Section 67.004, Utilities Code, as  
22 added by this Act.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.