

1-1 By: Hall S.B. No. 76  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 12, 2018; February 1, 2019,  
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 1-4 Economic Development; April 15, 2019, reported favorably by the  
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 2; April 15, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the security of the electric grid.  
 1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
 1-23 SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 39, Utilities Code, is  
 1-24 amended by adding Section 39.917 to read as follows:  
 1-25 Sec. 39.917. GRID SECURITY COUNCIL. (a) The governor  
 1-26 shall appoint members of the grid security council. Council  
 1-27 membership must include at least one representative of each of the  
 1-28 following:  
 1-29 (1) the commission;  
 1-30 (2) the independent organization certified under  
 1-31 Section 39.151 for the ERCOT power region;  
 1-32 (3) the Texas Military Department;  
 1-33 (4) the Texas Division of Emergency Management;  
 1-34 (5) the State Office of Risk Management; and  
 1-35 (6) power generation companies.  
 1-36 (b) The council shall monitor economic, environmental,  
 1-37 regulatory, and technological developments that may affect the  
 1-38 security of the electric grid.  
 1-39 (c) Not later than the November 1 preceding each regular  
 1-40 session of the legislature, the council shall prepare and submit a  
 1-41 report to the legislature analyzing:  
 1-42 (1) the developments listed in Subsection (b); and  
 1-43 (2) the progress made towards implementing the  
 1-44 council's previous grid security recommendations.  
 1-45 (d) The governor shall designate a member of the council to  
 1-46 serve as presiding officer.  
 1-47 (e) A member of the council is not entitled to compensation.  
 1-48 SECTION 2. (a) The grid security council shall evaluate  
 1-49 security vulnerabilities of the electric grid and strategies for  
 1-50 securing the grid against:  
 1-51 (1) cyber threats;  
 1-52 (2) physical threats;  
 1-53 (3) weather threats;  
 1-54 (4) solar storm threats;  
 1-55 (5) threats of sabotage; and  
 1-56 (6) threats relating to electromagnetic pulses.  
 1-57 (b) Not later than November 1, 2020, the council shall  
 1-58 prepare and submit a report to the legislature with recommendations  
 1-59 for addressing the threats identified in Subsection (a) of this  
 1-60 section. The council's report shall include recommendations for:  
 1-61 (1) state agency rule changes;

2-1 (2) legislation; and  
2-2 (3) management changes at the Public Utility  
2-3 Commission of Texas, the Texas Military Department, the Texas  
2-4 Division of Emergency Management, and the State Office of Risk  
2-5 Management.

2-6 SECTION 3. The first report described by Section 39.917(c),  
2-7 Utilities Code, as added by this Act, is due November 1, 2022.

2-8 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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