

1-1 By: Hughes S.B. No. 1897  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 4, 2025; March 17, 2025, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Business & Commerce;  
1-4 May 9, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 11,  
1-5 Nays 0; May 9, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Schwertner	X		
1-9	King	X		
1-10	Blanco	X		
1-11	Campbell	X		
1-12	Creighton	X		
1-13	Johnson	X		
1-14	Kolkhorst	X		
1-15	Menéndez	X		
1-16	Middleton	X		
1-17	Nichols	X		
1-18	Zaffirini	X		

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

1-21 relating to advanced communications infrastructure security;  
1-22 authorizing a fee; providing administrative penalties.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subtitle C, Title 2, Utilities Code, is amended  
1-25 by adding Chapter 67 to read as follows:

1-26 CHAPTER 67. ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY

1-27 Sec. 67.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

1-28 (1) "Advanced communications infrastructure" means  
1-29 physical infrastructure or equipment used to provide advanced  
1-30 communications service.

1-31 (2) "Advanced communications service" means:

1-32 (A) advanced telecommunications capability, as  
1-33 defined by 47 U.S.C. Section 1302; or

1-34 (B) any other telecommunications capability  
1-35 that:

1-36 (i) permits end users to engage in  
1-37 communications; and

1-38 (ii) is designated by the commission by  
1-39 rule as an advanced communications service for the purposes of this  
1-40 chapter.

1-41 (3) "Advanced communications service provider" means  
1-42 a person who provides advanced communications service to customers  
1-43 in this state.

1-44 (4) "Company" has the meaning assigned by Section  
1-45 117.001, Business & Commerce Code.

1-46 (5) "Federally banned company" means a company that  
1-47 produces or provides communications equipment or services listed as  
1-48 of September 1, 2025, on the covered list published by the Public  
1-49 Safety and Homeland Security Bureau of the Federal Communications  
1-50 Commission, as required by 47 C.F.R. Section 1.50002.

1-51 Sec. 67.002. ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE. (a)  
1-52 An advanced communications service provider may not construct  
1-53 advanced communications infrastructure after August 31, 2025, that  
1-54 includes any equipment produced or provided by a federally banned  
1-55 company.

1-56 (b) An advanced communications service provider that  
1-57 operates advanced communications infrastructure installed before  
1-58 September 1, 2025, that was produced or provided by a federally  
1-59 banned company shall disable and remove the infrastructure as soon  
1-60 as possible after September 1, 2025. The advanced communications  
1-61 service provider is not required to apply for any applicable state

or local permit to replace the removed advanced communications infrastructure if:

(1) the provider notifies the relevant state agency or local entity of the replacement; and

(2) the replacement infrastructure is similar to the removed infrastructure.

Sec. 67.003. REGISTRATION WITH COMMISSION. (a) An advanced communications service provider that uses advanced communications infrastructure produced or provided by a federally banned company shall register with the commission annually.

(b) Each registered advanced communications service provider shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) report to the commission not later than January 1 of each year all communications equipment or services operated by the provider eligible for replacement reimbursement from the program and the geographic coordinates of the areas served by that equipment or service; and

(2) submit a quarterly report to the commission on the advanced communications service provider's compliance with the requirements of the program.

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

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

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

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

(2) receive any federal funds that are subject to distribution by state or local governments for the development or maintenance of new or existing advanced communications infrastructure.

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

(b) The map must include:

(1) the location of the advanced communications infrastructure and the areas served by the infrastructure;

(2) the advanced communications service provider responsible for the advanced communications infrastructure; and  
(3) a description of the advanced communications infrastructure, including the manufacturer and equipment type.

SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2026, an advanced communications service provider to which Section 67.002(b), Utilities Code, as added by this Act, applies shall, as applicable:

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

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

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

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