

1-1 By: Hall S.B. No. 2148  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2025; March 24, 2025, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Business & Commerce;  
 1-4 April 7, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 11,  
 1-5 Nays 0; April 7, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7	X			
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the reliability of the electricity supply chain.  
 1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
 1-23 SECTION 1. Section 38.077, Utilities Code, is amended to  
 1-24 read as follows:  
 1-25 Sec. 38.077. RELIABILITY [LOAD SHEDDING] EXERCISES. (a)  
 1-26 In this section, "critical facility" means a transmission  
 1-27 substation and any associated control centers that, if rendered  
 1-28 inoperable or damaged because of a physical attack, could cause  
 1-29 widespread instability, uncontrolled separation, or cascading  
 1-30 outages within an interconnection.  
 1-31 (b) The commission and the independent organization  
 1-32 certified for the ERCOT power region under Section 39.151 shall  
 1-33 conduct simulated or tabletop load shedding exercises with  
 1-34 providers of electric generation service and transmission and  
 1-35 distribution service in the ERCOT power region.  
 1-36 [~~(b)~~] The commission shall ensure that each year at least  
 1-37 one simulated or tabletop load shedding exercise is conducted  
 1-38 during a summer month and one simulated or tabletop load shedding  
 1-39 exercise is conducted during a winter month.  
 1-40 (c) The commission and the independent organization  
 1-41 certified for the ERCOT power region under Section 39.151 shall  
 1-42 conduct simulated or tabletop exercises with providers of electric  
 1-43 generation service and transmission and distribution service in the  
 1-44 ERCOT power region to mitigate and prepare for a threat of an attack  
 1-45 or an actual physical attack on a critical facility. The exercises  
 1-46 required by this subsection are in addition to the exercises  
 1-47 required by Subsection (b) and any requirements of the North  
 1-48 American Electric Reliability Corporation Critical Infrastructure  
 1-49 Protection plan standards. The commission and the independent  
 1-50 organization shall conduct the exercises under this subsection at  
 1-51 least once every two years.  
 1-52 (d) A simulated or tabletop exercise conducted under  
 1-53 Subsection (c) must identify the roles and responsibilities of the  
 1-54 following in the event of a threat of an attack or an actual  
 1-55 physical attack on a critical facility:  
 1-56 (1) transmission and distribution service providers;  
 1-57 (2) providers of electric generation service;  
 1-58 (3) law enforcement;  
 1-59 (4) the independent organization certified for the  
 1-60 ERCOT power region under Section 39.151; and  
 1-61 (5) the commission.

2-1           (e) A transmission and distribution service provider is not  
2-2 required to disclose the specific location of the provider's  
2-3 critical substations to the commission or the independent  
2-4 organization certified for the ERCOT power region under Section  
2-5 39.151 for the purposes of a simulated or tabletop exercise  
2-6 conducted under Subsection (c).

2-7           (f) Each provider of electric generation service and of  
2-8 transmission and distribution service that participates in a  
2-9 simulated or tabletop exercise conducted under Subsection (c) shall  
2-10 provide to the independent organization certified for the ERCOT  
2-11 power region under Section 39.151 a written attestation that the  
2-12 provider has coordinated with law enforcement when identifying  
2-13 roles and responsibilities under Subsection (d).

2-14           SECTION 2. Not later than December 31, 2026, the Public  
2-15 Utility Commission of Texas and the independent organization  
2-16 certified under Section 39.151, Utilities Code, for the ERCOT power  
2-17 region shall conduct a simulated or tabletop exercise with each  
2-18 provider of electric generation service and of transmission and  
2-19 distribution service as required by Section 38.077(c), Utilities  
2-20 Code, as added by this Act.

2-21           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2-22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2-23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-25 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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