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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the assessment of transformers.

Present law provides relative to public record exceptions.

Proposed law adds proposed law to the public record exceptions.

Proposed law defines "covered entity", "covered equipment", "critical energy infrastructure information protocols", "critical electric infrastructure information protocol", "GIC", and "NERC".

Proposed law requires each covered entity to conduct a technical assessment of all covered equipment to determine vulnerability to ground induced currents (GICs).

Proposed law requires each covered entity to submit a report on the assessment conducted pursuant to proposed law to the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP). Proposed law also requires that copies of the report be sent to the Public Service Commission and the United States Department of Energy.

Proposed law requires that the aforementioned report be sent by Oct. 30, 2026.

Proposed law requires the report to include, for each susceptible transformer, all of the following:

- (1) Transformer nameplate information with design specifications.
- (2) Transformer location.
- (3) Transformer purpose, including GSU, auto, step-down, or converter.
- (4) Spreadsheet-formatted data and narrative analysis, including maximum GIC in the neutral of each transformer.
- (5) Recommended solutions to protect the grid against GIC by preventing or reducing the half cycle saturation of transformers.
- (6) Total cost to implement GIC protection hardware on susceptible transformers.
- (7) Priority list of transformers by damage risk and critical infrastructure impact.

- (8) Funding recommendations to protect at-risk transformers, including but not limited to potential options provided for in proposed law (R.S. 51:3301(C)(2)(h)(i) - (v)).

Proposed law requires a public version of the assessment report to be submitted to the House of Representatives Select Committee on Homeland Security with Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (CEII) redacted.

Proposed law further requires the CEII data submitted to be handled in accordance with the CEII protocols provided for in proposed law.

Proposed law requires the director of GOHSEP to do all of the following:

- (1) Review the reports and recommendations of the utilities.
- (2) Request further information as deemed necessary.
- (3) Report to the governor and the House of Representatives Select Committee on Homeland Security any recommendations to protect the state, its inhabitants, and businesses. Proposed law further requires this report to be submit by April 1, 2027.

Proposed law states that covered entities shall not rely solely on operational procedures, such as load shedding or reactive power supply, to mitigate GIC risk. Proposed law further states that such procedures are not considered sufficient protection pursuant to proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 44:4.1(B)(36); Adds R.S. 51:3301)