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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources

AN ACT

To amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to require
States to include supporting the physical security, cyber-
security, and resilience of local distribution systems in
State energy security plans.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Securing Community
3 Upgrades for a Resilient Grid Act” or the “SECURE Grid
4 Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. CONSIDERATION OF THE SECURITY OF LOCAL DIS-**
6 **TRIBUTION SYSTEMS IN STATE ENERGY SE-**
7 **CURITY PLANS.**

8 Section 366 of the Energy Policy and Conservation
9 Act (42 U.S.C. 6326) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the
11 following:

12 “(3) LOCAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM.—The term
13 ‘local distribution system’ means any energy infra-
14 structure owned and operated by an electric utility
15 at a voltage of 100 kilovolts or less.”;

16 (2) in subsection (b)(2), by inserting “, and
17 suppliers of equipment for the generation, trans-
18 mission, and distribution of electricity to,” after
19 “owners and operators of”;

20 (3) in subsection (c)—

21 (A) by amending paragraph (3) to read as
22 follows:

23 “(3) address potential hazards to each energy
24 sector or system, including—

25 “(A) physical threats and vulnerabilities,
26 including—

1 “(i) weather-related threats and
2 vulnerabilities;

3 “(ii) physical attacks on local distribu-
4 tion systems and the bulk-power system;
5 and

6 “(iii) supply chain risks for equipment
7 for the generation, transmission, and dis-
8 tribution of electricity; and

9 “(B) cybersecurity threats and
10 vulnerabilities, including threats to, and
11 vulnerabilities of, local distribution systems that
12 may impact the bulk-power system;” and

13 (B) by amending paragraph (5) to read as
14 follows:

15 “(5) provide a risk mitigation approach to en-
16 hance reliability and end-use resilience, including
17 methods of responding to, mitigating, and recovering
18 from potential hazards described in paragraph (3);
19 and”;

20 (4) in subsection (d)(3)—

21 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking
22 “and” at the end;

23 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as
24 subparagraph (C); and

1 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (A)
2 the following:

3 “(B) supplying equipment for the genera-
4 tion, transmission, and distribution of elec-
5 tricity; and”;

6 (5) in subsection (e)—

7 (A) by striking “A State is not eligible”
8 and inserting the following:

9 “(1) SUBMISSION REQUIRED.—A State is not
10 eligible”;

11 (B) in paragraph (2), by redesignating
12 subparagraphs (A) and (B) as clauses (i) and
13 (ii), respectively;

14 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and
15 (2) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively
16 (and by moving the margins accordingly); and

17 (D) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(2) STATE DETERMINATION.—A submission
19 under paragraph (1) is not required to be approved
20 by the Secretary.”;

21 (6) in subsection (f), by striking “may” and in-
22 serting “shall”;

23 (7) in subsection (h), by inserting “, local dis-
24 tribution system,” after “electric utility”; and

1 (8) by striking subsection (i) and inserting the
2 following:

3 “(i) SUNSET.—This section shall expire on Sep-
4 tember 30, 2031.”.

5 **SEC. 3. GAO REPORT.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September 30,
7 2030, the Comptroller General shall submit to the Com-
8 mittee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Rep-
9 resentatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural
10 Resources of the Senate a report on the efficacy of State
11 energy security plans that includes—

12 (1) an evaluation of whether and how State en-
13 ergy security plans have improved the ability of
14 States to identify, assess, and mitigate risks to en-
15 ergy infrastructure and supply chains and to plan
16 for, respond to, and recover from events that disrupt
17 energy supply;

18 (2) recommendations for—

19 (A) improving the ability of States de-
20 scribed in paragraph (1); and

21 (B) actions the Secretary of Energy may
22 take to improve coordination with States with
23 respect to identifying, assessing, and mitigating
24 risks to energy infrastructure and supply chains

1 and planning for, responding to, and recovering
2 from events that disrupt energy supply;

3 (3) information on Federal financial assistance
4 made available to States under part D of title III of
5 the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C.
6 6321 et seq.) that was used to implement State en-
7 ergy security plans;

8 (4) information on activities carried out by
9 States using such financial assistance;

10 (5) an analysis of the efficacy of the implemen-
11 tation of section 366 of the Energy Policy and Con-
12 servation Act (42 U.S.C. 6326), as amended by this
13 Act; and

14 (6) information on State use of assistance pro-
15 vided under section 366(f) of the Energy Policy and
16 Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6326(f)) (as amended
17 by this Act), including any revisions of State energy
18 security plans made by States resulting from assist-
19 ance provided under such section 366(f).

20 (b) PROTECTED INFORMATION.—The report required
21 under subsection (a) shall be submitted in a form that
22 may be made available to the public, except that any infor-
23 mation protected from disclosure under section 366(h) of
24 the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C.
25 6326(h)) shall be included in the report in an annex that

1 shall not be publicly disclosed, consistent with such sec-
2 tion.

3 (c) STATE ENERGY SECURITY PLAN DEFINED.—In
4 this section, the term “State energy security plan” has
5 the meaning given such term in section 366(a) of the En-
6 ergy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6326(a)).

Passed the House of Representatives June 29, 2026.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.