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H. R. 8311

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 7, 2022

Mr. MCNERNEY (for himself, Mr. LEVIN of California, and Mr. CASTEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Grid Resilience Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDY.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
3 date of enactment of this section, the Federal Energy Reg-
4 ulatory Commission, the Department of Energy, and the
5 Electric Reliability Organization shall jointly—

6 (1) conduct a study on the need for, and feasi-
7 bility of, establishing or modifying a reliability
8 standard to ensure the reliable operation of thermo-
9 electric power plants during droughts; and

10 (2) submit to the appropriate committees of
11 Congress the results of such study.

12 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
14 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
15 gress” means—

16 (A) the Committee on Energy and Com-
17 merce of the House of Representatives; and

18 (B) the Committee on Energy and Natural
19 Resources of the Senate.

20 (2) ELECTRIC RELIABILITY ORGANIZATION; RE-
21 LIABILITY STANDARD.—The terms “Electric Reli-
22 ability Organization” and “reliability standard” have
23 the meanings given such terms in section 215(a) of
24 the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 824o(a)).

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