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Primary Sponsor: Sen. Johnson

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SUMMARY

- Requires public utilities to provide 24 hour security systems at substations.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Substation security systems

The bill requires public utilities to do both of the following:

- Provide security systems at substations to protect against vandalism and other security threats;
- Continuously operate the security systems 24 hours per day.¹

The terms “public utilities” and “substations” are not defined in the bill. According to Ohio Case law, an entity is a public utility if the nature of its operation is a matter of public concern, and membership is indiscriminately and reasonably made available to the general public.² “Substations” may refer to any type of secondary utility facilities, such as electrical substations, water or sewage pumping stations, etc.³

Additionally, the bill does not specify what security system must be provided.

¹ R.C. 4933.30.

² *A&B Refuse Disposers, Inc. v. Board of Ravenna Township Trustees*, 64 Ohio St.3d 385 (1992).

³ <http://www.lawinsider.com/dictionary/utility-substation>.

HISTORY

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