

Joint Committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity 2025-2026 (194th) Bill Summary

Bill Number: H. 83

Title: An Act establishing a special legislative commission to study load growth due to AI and data centers

Lead Sponsor: Representative Bradley H. Jones, Jr

Hearing Date: September 11, 2025

Report Date: November 10, 2025

Executive Summary: Establishes a special legislative commission to study load growth due to AI and data centers. The commission's study shall include, but not be limited to, surges in electricity demand driven by data centers that support high performance computing and artificial intelligence, industrial growth, and transportation and building electrification.

Legislative History: New File

Summary:

The commission shall consist of:

- the Chairs of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy, who shall serve as co-chairs;
- One member appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- One member appointed by the President of the Senate;
- One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives;
- One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;
- The Commissioner of Public Utilities or their designee;
- The Secretary of Energy and Environmental affairs;
- The secretary of Administration and Finance.