

Amendment No. 2 to SB0116

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 116*

House Bill No. 448

by inserting the following new section immediately preceding the last section and renumbering the subsequent section accordingly:

SECTION __. The Tennessee advisory commission on intergovernmental relations shall conduct a study on the effectiveness of Tennessee's current underground utility damage prevention program and report to the general assembly no later than January 31, 2020. The study must include a review of federal standards and other state initiatives to determine whether a reduction in the state's underground utility damage has resulted from the program. The study must also provide a comparison of the Tennessee underground utility damage enforcement board's structure to that of other regulatory boards within this state. The purpose of the study is to determine whether legislative action is needed to improve the effectiveness of the program, including, but not limited to, provisions related to: program enforcement; an examination of permissive versus mandatory complaint filing requirements; funding; and the interrelationship of the board, the state's one-call service, stakeholder members, and the public utility commission. If a need for improvement is found, then the report must also include recommendations concerning the ways to improve the effectiveness of the program and proposals for funding those recommendations.