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This bill expands the crime of damaging or stealing energy transmission or telecommunications equipment to include: a fence or enclosure that surrounds the property containing the equipment, any energized equipment within the enclosure, any grounding equipment, and any security component. Currently, the statute is limited to the equipment that receives, transports, or transmits the service and related-equipment connected to these main conduits. The maximum penalty is a five-year felony.