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# -Bill Summary

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## Overview

This bill extends civil and criminal liability to a group or organization that recruits, trains, aids, hires, or conspires with an individual to commit criminal trespass or damage to property at an airports, railroads, utility, or oil or gas pipelines.

### **Section**

1 **Critical infrastructure; vicarious liability.** Allows a group or entity that trains or conspires with an individual to be held liable for the trespass or damage the individual committed to a utility, oil or gas pipeline, or transportation facility, when the individual was arrested or convicted for the trespass or damage. Excludes a union from liability if it informs employees that trespassing and damaging property are not sanctioned or allowable activities related to a strike.

Effective date. This section would apply to cases brought on or after August 1, 2018.

2 Prohibited conduct; penalty. Creates a felony offense for intentionally recruiting, training, advising, or otherwise aiding a person in damaging the physical property of a utility, oil or gas pipeline, or transportation facility if the damage occurs and the person fails to make a reasonable effort to prevent the damage. Excludes a union from liability if it informs employees that trespassing and damaging property are not sanctioned or allowable activities related to a strike.

Effective date. This section would apply to crimes committed on or after August 1, 2018.

#### **Section**

**3 Prohibited conduct; penalty.** Creates a gross misdemeanor offense for intentionally recruiting, training, advising, or otherwise aiding a person to trespass on property that contains a utility, oil or gas pipeline, or transportation facility if the trespass occurs and the person fails to make a reasonable effort to prevent the trespass. Excludes a union from liability if it informs employees that trespassing and damaging property are not sanctioned or allowable activities related to a strike.

Effective date. This section would apply to crimes committed on or after August 1, 2018.