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H.B. No. 1616

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to state energy conservation office cooperation with
3 federal programs related to research on and development and
4 demonstration of fuel cells.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 447, Government Code, as amended by
7 Chapters 573, 1158, and 1398, Acts of the 77th Legislature, 2001, is
8 amended by adding Section 447.012 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 447.012. FUEL CELL DEVELOPMENT. The state energy
10 conservation office shall undertake to partner with the United
11 States Department of Energy and other federal agencies or programs
12 to develop cooperative programs related to research on, development
13 of, and demonstration of fuel cell technology in this state.

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.