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S.B. No. 1654

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to state agency utility savings and capital expenditure  
3 reductions.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 2166, Government Code, is amended by  
6 adding Section 2166.555 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 2166.555 UTILITY SAVINGS AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE  
8 REDUCTION FOR STATE AGENCIES.

9 (a) Before authorizing expenditures for capital items, an  
10 agency must determine that the items could not be funded through a  
11 contract for energy conservation measures to reduce energy or water  
12 consumption or operating costs of governmental facilities that  
13 guarantees utility savings.

14 (b) An agency shall consider utility cost savings generated  
15 by all departments as potential methods to finance capital  
16 expenditures throughout the agency. Savings in utility cost from  
17 one department may be used to finance capital expenditures in other  
18 departments provided the expenditures are part of a through a  
19 contract for energy conservation measures to reduce energy or water  
20 consumption or operating costs of governmental facilities that  
21 guarantees utility savings.

22 (c) An agency shall provide the Legislative Budget Board  
23 with justification for any capital expenditures that are not part  
24 of a contract for energy conservation measures to reduce energy or

1 water consumption or operating costs of governmental facilities  
2 that guarantees utility savings.

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.