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S.B. No. 961

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a clearinghouse of energy and water conservation
3 information and programs for school districts.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 44, Education Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 44.902 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 44.902. ENERGY AND WATER CONSERVATION CLEARINGHOUSE.

8 (a) The agency shall establish a clearinghouse of information
9 relating to energy and water conservation measures and programs
10 that are appropriate for school districts.

11 (b) The agency shall:

12 (1) solicit information from the state energy
13 conservation office regarding energy and water conservation
14 measures and programs appropriate for school districts;

15 (2) allow a private entity to submit examples of
16 energy and water conservation measures and programs that have
17 resulted in cost savings and energy efficiency for the entity and
18 that are likely to result in similar benefits for school districts;
19 and

20 (3) periodically update information described by this
21 section as the agency determines necessary to provide timely
22 information regarding energy and water conservation.

23 (c) The agency may include in the clearinghouse any
24 information that the agency determines to be relevant to energy and

1 water conservation for school districts.

2 (d) The agency shall make the information described by this
3 section available on its Internet website in a manner that permits
4 school districts and interested members of the public to easily
5 obtain the information.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.