

1-1 By: Shapiro S.B. No. 961  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 3, 2005; March 14, 2005, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education; March 29, 2005,  
1-4 reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0;  
1-5 March 29, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to a clearinghouse of energy and water conservation  
1-9 information and programs for school districts.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 44, Education Code, is  
1-12 amended by adding Section 44.902 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 44.902. ENERGY AND WATER CONSERVATION CLEARINGHOUSE.

1-14 (a) The agency shall establish a clearinghouse of information  
1-15 relating to energy and water conservation measures and programs  
1-16 that are appropriate for school districts.

1-17 (b) The agency shall:

1-18 (1) solicit information from the state energy  
1-19 conservation office regarding energy and water conservation  
1-20 measures and programs appropriate for school districts;

1-21 (2) allow a private entity to submit examples of  
1-22 energy and water conservation measures and programs that have  
1-23 resulted in cost savings and energy efficiency for the entity and  
1-24 that are likely to result in similar benefits for school districts;  
1-25 and

1-26 (3) periodically update information described by this  
1-27 section as the agency determines necessary to provide timely  
1-28 information regarding energy and water conservation.

1-29 (c) The agency may include in the clearinghouse any  
1-30 information that the agency determines to be relevant to energy and  
1-31 water conservation for school districts.

1-32 (d) The agency shall make the information described by this  
1-33 section available on its Internet website in a manner that permits  
1-34 school districts and interested members of the public to easily  
1-35 obtain the information.

1-36 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-37 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-38 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-39 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-40 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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