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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to power management software for state agencies.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 2054, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2054.124 to read as follows:

Sec. 2054.124. POWER MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE. (a) After researching the software available, the department shall select power management software to be used, if technically feasible, by state agencies to reduce the amount of energy required to operate state computer networks and networked personal computers.

(b) As determined by the department, each state agency that would benefit from using power management software that would provide cost savings to this state in the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2009, shall purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire and use the software for the agency's computer networks to manage the energy usage of the agency's networked personal computers. This subsection expires September 1, 2009.

(c) An institution of higher education shall purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire and use power management software only if the department, in consultation with the Information Technology Council for Higher Education, determines that the institution of higher education's use of power management software would provide cost savings to this state. In making a determination under this subsection, the department must perform the analysis described by

1 Section 2054.121(c). The analysis must include an assessment of
2 how the use of power management software affects the security of
3 electronic data, including data protected from public disclosure by
4 state or federal law.

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.