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H.B. No. 1415

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to crediting public schools for the value of electricity
3 generated by solar panels on public school building rooftops.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 39.002, Utilities Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. 39.002. APPLICABILITY. This chapter, other than
8 Sections 39.155, 39.157(e), 39.203, 39.903, [~~and~~] 39.904, and
9 39.911, does not apply to a municipally owned utility or an electric
10 cooperative. Sections 39.157(e), 39.203, and 39.904, however,
11 apply only to a municipally owned utility or an electric
12 cooperative that is offering customer choice. If there is a
13 conflict between the specific provisions of this chapter and any
14 other provisions of this title, except for Chapters 40 and 41, the
15 provisions of this chapter control.

16 SECTION 2. Subchapter Z, Chapter 39, Utilities Code, is
17 amended by adding Section 39.911 to read as follows:

18 Sec. 39.911. CREDIT FOR SURPLUS SOLAR GENERATION BY PUBLIC
19 SCHOOLS. (a) An electric utility, retail electric provider,
20 municipally owned utility, or electric cooperative shall provide
21 for net metering and contract with an independent school district
22 so that:

23 (1) surplus electricity produced by a school
24 building's solar electric generation panels is made available for

1 sale to the electric transmission grid and distribution system; and

2 (2) the net value of that surplus electricity is
3 credited to the district.

4 (b) The commission by rule shall require that credits for
5 electricity produced by a school building's solar electric
6 generation panels reflect the value of the electricity at the time
7 of day that it is made available for sale to the electric
8 transmission grid and distribution system.

9 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.