

Amend CSHB 2783 (House committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. The heading to Chapter 46, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 46. [~~ASSISTANCE WITH~~] INSTRUCTIONAL FACILITIES AND
ASSISTANCE WITH PAYMENT OF EXISTING DEBT

SECTION _____. Chapter 46, Education Code, is amended by adding Subchapter D to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER D. STANDARDS FOR INSTRUCTIONAL FACILITIES

Sec. 46.101. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "instructional facility" has the meaning assigned by Section 46.001.

Sec. 46.102. ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION STANDARDS FOR INSTRUCTIONAL FACILITIES. (a) In this section, "energy office" means the State Energy Conservation Office.

(b) The energy office shall adopt energy efficiency and conservation standards for the design, construction, and major renovation of instructional facilities that school districts may adopt or use to achieve long-term savings in energy and water costs through innovative building techniques.

(c) The standards adopted under Subsection (b) must match high-performance building certification standards that:

(1) are developed and revised through a consensus-based process or by a municipally owned utility in this state;

(2) provide minimum requirements for energy use, natural resources use, and indoor air quality;

(3) require substantiating documentation for certification;

(4) employ third-party, post-construction review and verification for certification; and

(5) the energy office determines are nationally recognized in the building industry, such as:

(A) the Texas Collaborative for High Performance Schools (TX-CHPS) Criteria;

(B) the Green Building Initiative's Green Globes

program;

(C) the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System; or

(D) the Austin Energy Green Building Program.

(d) The energy office may update the standards adopted under this section not more frequently than once every three years.

(e) The energy office shall prepare an analysis of the typical initial building costs and projected energy and other savings associated with the implementation of the standards adopted by the energy office under this section. The office shall publish the analysis and make copies available to all school districts in this state.

(f) The energy office shall adopt rules necessary to administer this section.

Sec. 46.103. STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS. The energy office shall, to the extent possible, assist school districts to obtain state and federal funding for implementing the standards adopted under this subchapter.

SECTION _____. Not later than July 1, 2010, the State Energy Conservation Office shall adopt rules establishing energy efficiency, conservation, and indoor air quality standards for the design, construction, and renovation of public school instructional facilities as required by Section 46.102, Education Code, as added by this Act.