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H.B. No. 1578

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to energy aggregation by state agencies.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 39, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Section 39.3536 to read as follows:

Sec. 39.3536. AGGREGATION BY STATE AGENCIES. (a) In this section, "state agency" does not include an institution of higher education, as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, it is the policy of this state to encourage state agencies, including state agencies located in areas of the state that do not offer customer choice under this chapter, to aggregate their facilities into a single purchasing unit as a method to reduce costs of electricity consumed by those state agencies. The commission shall provide assistance to a state agency regarding the evaluation of offers from retail electric providers on the request of the state agency.

(c) An aggregator registered under another section of this subchapter may provide aggregation services to state agencies.

(d) A state agency is not required to register as an aggregator under Section 39.353.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.