

1-1 By: Watson S.B. No. 1501  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2011; March 22, 2011, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Business and Commerce;  
1-4 April 4, 2011, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 4, 2011,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1501 By: Watson

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to energy and efficiency conservation programs  
1-11 administered by the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Subsection (d), Section 39.905, Utilities Code,  
1-14 is amended to read as follows:

1-15 (d) The commission shall establish a procedure for  
1-16 reviewing and evaluating market-transformation program options  
1-17 described by this subsection and other options. In evaluating  
1-18 program options, the commission may consider the ability of a  
1-19 program option to reduce costs to customers through reduced demand,  
1-20 energy savings, and relief of congestion. Utilities may choose to  
1-21 implement any program option approved by the commission after its  
1-22 evaluation in order to satisfy the goal in Subsection (a),  
1-23 including:

1-24 (1) energy-smart schools;  
1-25 (2) appliance retirement and recycling;  
1-26 (3) air conditioning system tune-ups;  
1-27 (4) the use of trees or other landscaping for energy  
1-28 efficiency;

1-29 (5) customer energy management and demand response  
1-30 programs;

1-31 (6) high performance residential and commercial  
1-32 buildings that will achieve the levels of energy efficiency  
1-33 sufficient to qualify those buildings for federal tax incentives;

1-34 (7) programs for customers who rent or lease their  
1-35 residence or commercial space;

1-36 (8) programs providing energy monitoring equipment to  
1-37 customers that enable a customer to better understand the amount,  
1-38 price, and time of the customer's energy use;

1-39 (9) energy audit programs for owners and other  
1-40 residents of single-family or multifamily residences and for small  
1-41 commercial customers;

1-42 (10) net-zero energy new home programs;

1-43 (11) solar thermal or solar electric programs; ~~and~~

1-44 (12) programs for using windows and other glazing  
1-45 systems, glass doors, and skylights in residential and commercial  
1-46 buildings that reduce solar gain by at least 30 percent from the  
1-47 level established for the federal Energy Star windows program; and

1-48 (13) energy use programs with measurable and  
1-49 verifiable results that reduce energy consumption through  
1-50 behavioral changes that lead to efficient use patterns and  
1-51 practices.

1-52 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-53 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-54 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-55 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-56 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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