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H.B. No. 1854

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the appropriation of money from the economic
3 stabilization fund to be used for upgrading fixtures and materials
4 in state buildings to maximize energy and water conservation.

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

6 SECTION 1. The amount of \$250 million is appropriated from
7 the economic stabilization fund to the comptroller for the purpose
8 of depositing that amount to the credit of the general revenue fund
9 as money available for use by the Texas Facilities Commission
10 during the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2013, for
11 the purposes of upgrading fixtures and materials in state buildings
12 to maximize energy and water conservation, including for projects
13 relating to:

- 14 (1) insulation;
15 (2) lighting;
16 (3) ventilation;
17 (4) climate control;
18 (5) water-conserving fixtures, appliances, and
19 equipment or the substitution of non-water-using fixtures,
20 appliances, and equipment;
21 (6) water-conserving landscape irrigation equipment;
22 (7) landscaping measures that reduce watering demands
23 and capture and hold applied water and rainfall, including:

24 (A) landscape contouring, including the use of

1 berms, swales, and terraces; and

2 (B) the use of soil amendments that increase the
3 water-holding capacity of the soil, including compost;

4 (8) rainwater harvesting equipment and equipment to
5 make use of water collected as part of a storm-water system
6 installed for water quality control;

7 (9) equipment for recycling or reusing water
8 originating on the premises or from other sources, including
9 treated municipal effluent;

10 (10) equipment needed to capture water from
11 nonconventional, alternate sources, including air conditioning
12 condensate or graywater, for nonpotable uses;

13 (11) metering equipment needed to segregate water use
14 in order to identify water conservation opportunities or verify
15 water savings;

16 (12) special energy requirements of health-related
17 facilities of higher education and state agencies; and

18 (13) any other item that the commission considers
19 appropriate.

20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013, but only
21 if it receives a vote of two-thirds of the members present in each
22 house of the legislature, as provided by Section 49-g(m), Article
23 III, Texas Constitution.