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H.B. No. 3843

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to providing, facilitating, or aiding the use of solar power or other alternative energy source in public schools.

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

SECTION 1. Amend the Texas Education Code by adding new chapter 2001 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 2001 - Solar Power for Texas Schools

Sec. 2001.01. SOLAR POWER AND ALTERNATIVE ENERGY FOR TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS. The use of solar power or other alternate forms of energy by public schools shall be facilitated, provided, subsidized and prioritized.

Sec. 2001.02. RULEMAKING AUTHORITY. The Texas Education Agency shall adopt rules pertaining to implementation of this Act.

Sec. 2001.03. THE GOALS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS. It shall be the goals of the state of Texas:

(1) to seek ways for public schools to become more energy efficient and to use alternate forms of energy in order to use governmental buildings to create energy where possible;

(2) to use state equipment and state buildings, including schools, to reduce carbon dioxide emissions;

(3) to set goals relating to schools use of demand response, energy conservation, and carbon dioxide reduction.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.