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H.B. No. 1184

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to authorizing certain alternative fuel programs as eligible for local government energy savings performance contracts.

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

SECTION 1. Section 302.001(4), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(4) "Energy savings performance contract" means a contract between a local government and a provider for energy or water conservation or usage measures in which the estimated energy savings, increase in billable revenues, or increase in meter accuracy resulting from the measures is subject to guarantee to offset the cost of the energy or water conservation or usage measures over a specified period. The term includes a contract for the installation or implementation of the following in new or existing facilities, including all causally connected work:

(A) insulation of a building structure and systems within the building;

(B) storm windows or doors, caulking or weather stripping, multiglazed windows or doors, heat-absorbing or heat-reflective glazed and coated window or door systems, or other window or door system modifications that reduce energy consumption;

(C) automatic energy control systems, including computer software and technical data licenses;

1 (D) heating, ventilating, or air-conditioning
2 system modifications or replacements that reduce energy or water
3 consumption;

4 (E) lighting fixtures that increase energy
5 efficiency;

6 (F) energy recovery systems;

7 (G) electric systems improvements;

8 (H) water-conserving fixtures, appliances, and
9 equipment or the substitution of non-water-using fixtures,
10 appliances, and equipment;

11 (I) water-conserving landscape irrigation
12 equipment;

13 (J) landscaping measures that reduce watering
14 demands and capture and hold applied water and rainfall, including:

15 (i) landscape contouring, including the use
16 of berms, swales, and terraces; and

17 (ii) the use of soil amendments that
18 increase the water-holding capacity of the soil, including compost;

19 (K) rainwater harvesting equipment and equipment
20 to make use of water collected as part of a storm-water system
21 installed for water quality control;

22 (L) equipment for recycling or reuse of water
23 originating on the premises or from other sources, including
24 treated municipal effluent;

25 (M) equipment needed to capture water from
26 nonconventional, alternate sources, including air-conditioning
27 condensate or graywater, for nonpotable uses;

1 (N) metering or related equipment or systems that
2 improve the accuracy of billable-revenue-generation systems; ~~[or]~~

3 (O) alternative fuel programs resulting in
4 energy cost savings and reduced emissions for local government
5 vehicles, including fleet vehicles; or

6 (P) other energy or water conservation-related
7 improvements or equipment, including improvements or equipment
8 relating to renewable energy or nonconventional water sources or
9 water reuse.

10 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
14 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.