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H.B. No. 2919

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an energy efficiency pilot program for state-owned buildings operated by the Texas Facilities Commission.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 2166, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2166.410 to read as follows:

Sec. 2166.410. ENERGY EFFICIENCY PILOT PROGRAM. (a) The Energy Systems Laboratory at the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station, in consultation with the commission and the State Energy Conservation Office, shall establish and implement a pilot program in which:

(1) the State Energy Conservation Office makes or guarantees loans used to finance improvements that will increase the energy efficiency of state-owned buildings;

(2) the savings in utility costs resulting from the improvements made under Subdivision (1) generate a 30 percent return on the costs of the improvements; and

(3) not fewer than two companies selected by the commission are authorized to participate.

(b) A loan made or guaranteed under this section must have an amortization period twice as long as the projected period in which the loan could be repaid with utility cost savings attributable to the improvements made under this section.

(c) Money attributable to utility cost savings resulting

1 from improvements made to a building under the program may be
2 appropriated only to the governmental entity that owns the building
3 in which the utility cost savings occur.

4 (d) This section expires August 31, 2020.

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