1-1 By: Zaffirini

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1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

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1-9	Creighton	Х			
1-10	Ellis	Х			
1-11	Huffines	Χ			
1-12	Schwertner	Χ			
1-13	Seliger	X			
1-14	Taylor of Galveston	X			
1-15	Watson	Х			
1-16	Whitmire	Χ			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

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1-45 1-46 1-47 1-48 1-49 relating to energy and water management planning and reporting requirements for state agencies and institutions of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 447.009(c) and (e), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

- (c) The state energy conservation office shall prepare guidelines for preparation of the plan described in Subsection (a)(3) and develop a template for state agencies and institutions of higher education to use in creating the plan. Each state agency and institution of higher education shall set percentage goals for reducing the agency's or institution's use of water, electricity, transportation fuel [gasoline], and natural gas and include those goals in the agency's or institution's comprehensive energy and water management plan. A state agency or an institution of higher education that occupies a state-owned building shall prepare and implement a five-year energy and water management plan and shall submit that plan to the office upon request. The agency or institution shall update its plan annually. A state agency or an institution of higher education that occupies a building not owned by the state shall cooperate with the office in addressing the energy or water management of that building.
- (e) Not later than <u>January 15</u> [<u>December 1</u>] of each <u>odd-numbered</u> [<u>even-numbered</u>] year, the state energy conservation office shall submit a report to the governor and the Legislative Budget Board on the status and effectiveness of the utility management and conservation efforts of state agencies and institutions of higher education. The report must include information submitted to the office from each state agency and institution of higher education. The office shall post the report on the office's Internet website.

1-50 SECTION 2. Section 2166.409, Government Code, is repealed. 1-51 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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