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H.B. No. 3399

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study by the Geo-Technology Research Institute on existing and potential programs to improve energy efficiency.

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

SECTION 1. STUDY. (a) In this section, "electric utility" includes:

(1) an electric utility or retail electric provider, as defined by Section 31.002, Utilities Code; and

(2) a municipally owned utility or electric cooperative, as defined by Section 11.003, Utilities Code.

(b) The Geo-Technology Research Institute shall conduct a two-year study on existing and potential programs to improve energy efficiency in this state and submit a report of the institute's findings to the 86th Legislature. The report must include:

(1) an estimated baseline for current building energy consumption in this state;

(2) projections for future building energy consumption in this state;

(3) analysis of methods used by other entities to evaluate energy efficiency programs sponsored or managed by electric utilities;

(4) assessment of technical and economic feasibility of potential energy efficiency programs; and

(5) analysis of energy efficiency goals established

1 under Chapter 39, Utilities Code, including an evaluation of  
2 potential impacts of federal laws and policies on the goals,  
3 recommendations for revised goals, and projected consequences of  
4 the revised goals.

5 (c) The Geo-Technology Research Institute shall submit to  
6 the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house of  
7 representatives the report described by Subsection (b) of this  
8 section not later than January 1, 2020.

9 SECTION 2. EXPIRATION. This Act expires February 1, 2020.

10 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September  
11 1, 2017.