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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to state agency energy savings programs.

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

SECTION 1.  Chapter 447, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 447.014 to read as follows:

Sec. 447.014.  STATE AGENCY ENERGY SAVINGS PROGRAM. (a) Each state agency shall develop and submit to the state energy conservation office and the Legislative Budget Board a plan to:

(1)  conserve energy, including reducing the use of electricity, gasoline, and natural gas by at least 10 percent by December 1, 2020;

(2)  reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 40 percent by 2030; and

(3)  obtain up to 25 percent of the energy used by the agency from carbon-free sources, including wind or solar energy, by 2030.

(b)  A plan described by Subsection (a) must project fiscal savings associated with the plan and a percentage of overall carbon emissions reduction.

(c)  Each state agency shall submit quarterly to the state energy conservation office and the Legislative Budget Board a report describing progress towards implementing the plan described by Subsection (a) and any additional ideas for energy savings.

SECTION 2.  (a) Not later than January 1, 2021, each state agency shall deliver to the state energy conservation office and the Legislative Budget Board the plan required by Section 447.014(a), Government Code, as added by this Act.

(b)  Not later than April 1, 2021, each state agency shall deliver to the state energy conservation office and the Legislative Budget Board the first quarterly report required by Section 447.014(c), Government Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.