AN ACT
relating to energy and water management planning and reporting by state agencies and institutions of higher education.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 447.009, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 447.009. ENERGY AND WATER MANAGEMENT PLANNING; REPORTING.

SECTION 2. Section 447.009, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (e) 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, 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 biennially. 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 December 1 of each even-numbered 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.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed the Senate on March 27, 2013: Yeas 30, Nays 0; May 21, 2013, Senate refused to concur in House amendments and requested appointment of Conference Committee; May 22, 2013, House granted request of the Senate; May 25, 2013, Senate adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House, with amendments, on May 16, 2013: Yeas 116, Nays 25, three present not voting; May 22, 2013, House granted request of the Senate for appointment of Conference Committee; May 24, 2013, House adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 2, two present not voting.

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