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S.B. No. 300

Substitute the following for S.B. No. 300:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to eliminating or modifying certain mandates on school districts.

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

Sec. 44.902. LONG-RANGE ENERGY PLAN TO REDUCE CONSUMPTION OF ELECTRIC ENERGY. (a) The board of trustees of a school district shall establish a long-range energy plan to reduce the district's annual electric consumption by five percent beginning with the 2008 state fiscal year and consume electricity in subsequent fiscal years in accordance with the district's energy plan.

(b) The plan required under Subsection (a) must include:

(1) strategies for achieving energy efficiency that:

(A) result in net savings for the district; or

(B) can be achieved without financial cost to the district; and

(2) for each strategy identified under Subdivision (1), the initial, short-term capital costs and lifetime costs and savings that may result from implementation of the strategy.

(c) In determining under Subsection (b) whether a strategy may result in financial cost to the district, the board of trustees shall consider the total net costs and savings that may occur over

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the seven-year period following implementation of the strategy.

(d) The board of trustees may submit the plan required under Subsection (a) to the State Energy Conservation Office for the purposes of determining whether funds available through loan programs administered by the office are available to the district.

SECTION 5. Subsection (b), Section 44.901, Education Code, is repealed.

SECTION 6. This Act applies beginning with the 2009-2010 school year.

SECTION 7. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2009.