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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to energy efficiency efforts by state agencies
2 and including effective date provisions.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 8A.311, Code 2013, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 19A. A state agency shall be required to
4 purchase products that conform to energy star specifications
5 current at the time of contract or purchase if the product is
6 subject to energy star labeling.

7 Sec. 2. Section 8A.322, subsection 1, Code 2013, is amended
8 to read as follows:

9 1. The director shall provide necessary lighting, fuel, and
10 water services for the state laboratories facility in Ankeny
11 and for the state buildings and grounds located at the seat of
12 government, except the buildings and grounds referred to in
13 section 216B.3, subsection 6. Notwithstanding section 8.33,
14 moneys appropriated to the department for utility expenses that
15 remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal
16 year shall not revert but shall be transferred to the building
17 energy management fund created in section 473.19A to be used to
18 finance energy improvements to state-owned properties.

19 Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES — ENERGY
20 EFFICIENCY EFFORTS.

21 1. The department of administrative services shall
22 report to the general assembly and governor by November
23 15, 2013, regarding the feasibility of giving preference to
24 or requiring the purchase or lease of passenger cars with
25 a United States environmental protection agency estimated
26 highway-mileage rating of at least thirty-five miles per gallon
27 and electric-powered and natural gas-powered vehicles with
28 a United States environmental protection agency estimated
29 highway-mileage rating of at least forty-five miles per gallon.
30 The preference shall be determined on a fleetwide average
31 basis.

32 2. The department of administrative services shall provide
33 for least-cost lighting of state buildings and property
34 under its control and shall work with other state departments
35 and agencies responsible for the energy costs of buildings

1 and property under their control to do the same, based on
2 minimizing energy use and the life-cycle costs of the energy
3 technology.

4 3. The department of administrative services shall
5 establish a program with other state agencies to replace or
6 deploy battery chargers and other smart power technology that
7 turns off the power source to the adapter or battery once the
8 battery is charged or cuts power to unused electrical devices.

9 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
10 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

11 EXPLANATION

12 This bill concerns energy efficiency efforts by state
13 agencies.

14 Code section 8A.311, concerning state agency purchasing, is
15 amended to require state agencies to purchase products that
16 conform to energy star specifications if the product is subject
17 to energy star labeling.

18 Code section 8A.322, concerning building and grounds under
19 the control of the department of administrative services, is
20 amended to provide that moneys appropriated to the department
21 for utility expenses that remain unexpended at the end
22 of a fiscal year do not revert but are transferred to the
23 building energy management fund to be used to finance energy
24 improvements to state-owned properties.

25 The bill also requires the department of administrative
26 services to submit a report to the general assembly and
27 governor by November 15, 2013, regarding the feasibility of
28 giving preference to or requiring the purchase or lease of
29 passenger cars with a high highway-mileage rating, to provide
30 for least-cost lighting of state buildings and property under
31 its control, and to establish a program with other state
32 agencies to replace or deploy battery chargers and other smart
33 power technology.

34 The bill takes effect upon enactment.