

HB 311 -- HIGH PERFORMANCE ENERGY BENCHMARKING ACT

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This bill establishes the High Performance Energy Benchmarking Act that requires, beginning September 1, 2015, each school district to establish an energy star benchmark for each permanent building owned by the district and allows for the use a free on-line system provided by the federal Energy Star Program. Each district will report the results to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, maintain a database of the district's annual results, and publish the results on the department's website. The district may request a waiver of the audit requirements for financial hardship and may substitute the results with the results of a professional energy audit in certain circumstances.