

SENATE BILL 1921

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12, Chapter 3 and Title 12, Chapter 4, relative to Energy Star qualified products.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12, Chapter 3, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 12-3-2__.

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of part 6 of this chapter, all office equipment, appliances, lighting, and heating and cooling products and systems purchased by and for state agencies shall be Energy Star qualified if such Energy Star qualified products and systems are commercially available.

(b) On or after the effective date of this act, the state shall not enter into or renew contracts for purchasing office equipment, appliances, lighting, or heating and cooling products and systems that do not provide the option to purchase commercially available Energy Star qualified products.

(c) For purposes of this section, "Energy Star qualified product" means a product that has been designated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency or by the United States Department of Energy as meeting or exceeding the agency's energy saving efficiency requirements or that has been designated as meeting or exceeding the requirements under the Energy Star Program of either agency.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.