



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 378

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 565

Senate, April 1, 2008

The Committee on Commerce reported through SEN. LEBEAU of the 3rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT INITIATING AN EMISSIONS EXCHANGE PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) The Renewable Energy
2 Investment Board, established pursuant to section 16-245n of the 2008
3 supplement to the general statutes, shall conduct a study of a program
4 that would aggregate state emissions credits, sell them and use some
5 part of the proceeds to achieve reductions in the emissions of
6 pollutants in the state. Such program shall (1) collect emissions credits
7 from both state and private sources, (2) determine an appropriate
8 market for such credits, (3) aggregate and sell such credits, and (4)
9 divide the proceeds of such sales so that (A) one-half of the proceeds
10 from sales of credits held by the state or an instrumentality of the state
11 shall go back to the state or such instrumentality, and one-half shall be
12 deposited into a fund and be used to purchase clean energy products
13 for the state, and (B) for sales of emissions credits from private sources,
14 twenty per cent of proceeds shall be given to the source supplying
15 such credit, and eighty per cent of such proceeds shall be deposited

16 into such fund.

17 (b) Not later than January 1, 2009, the Renewable Energy Investment
18 Board, established pursuant to section 16-245n of the 2008 supplement
19 to the general statutes, shall, in accordance with the provisions of
20 section 11-4a of the general statutes, submit the results of the study
21 required pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, along with
22 recommendations for how best to implement such a program, to the
23 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance
24 of matters relating to commerce and the environment.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2008	New section

CE *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 09 \$	FY 10 \$
CT Innovations Inc. (quasi-public)	Various - Cost	See Below	See Below

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill results in a one-time fiscal impact of approximately \$75,000-\$100,000. It requires the Renewable Energy Investment Board to conduct a study of a program that would aggregate state emissions credits, sell them and use some part of the proceeds to achieve reductions in the emissions of pollutants in the state. It is expected that Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated (CII) will have to contract with consultants to complete this study. Any costs associated with this study will be borne by CII, a quasi-public state agency that does not receive resources from the General Fund.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 20 Nay 1 (03/13/2008)