



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 645**

*January Session, 2001*

Substitute House Bill No. 6681

*House of Representatives, May 7, 2001*

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. DYSON of the 94th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY CONSERVATION PROJECTS IN STATE BUILDINGS.**

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

1 Section 1. The Office of Policy and Management shall develop a  
2 plan for energy conservation projects in state buildings. The Energy  
3 Conservation Management Board, in consultation with the  
4 Department of Public Utility Control shall conduct an analysis of the  
5 costs and benefits of such plan and determine whether such plan is in  
6 the public interest of the residents of the state. If the board, in  
7 consultation with the department, determines that the benefits of such  
8 plan outweigh its costs and such plan is in the public interest of the  
9 residents of the state, the department shall authorize the allotment of  
10 up to one million dollars per month during the calendar year 2002,  
11 from the Energy Conservation and Load Management Fund  
12 established pursuant to section 16-245m of the general statutes to the  
13 Department of Public Works, for the purpose of implementing such  
14 plan.

15      Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

**ET**      *Joint Favorable Subst. C/R*

APP

**APP**      *Joint Favorable*

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 House thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** Potential Significant Revenue Gain

**Affected Agencies:** Department of Public Utility Control, Office of Policy and Management, Department of Public Works

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

**State Impact:**

The bill requires the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to develop a plan for energy conservation projects in state buildings. It is anticipated that OPM can do this within the agency's normal budgetary resources. The Energy Conservation Management Board, in consultation with the Department of Public Utility Control, must conduct a cost benefit analysis of the plan and determine if such a plan is in the best interest of the residents of the state. It is anticipated that the DPUC can participate in such an evaluation and determination within their normal budgetary resources.

If the DPUC approves such a plan, it shall direct \$1 million a month during calendar year 2002 from the Energy Conservation Load Management Fund for energy conservation projects in state buildings as directed by the Department of Public Works, resulting in a potential significant revenue gain. The Energy Conservation and Load

Management Fund is financed through a three mils per kilowatt hour assessment on electricity sold. Annual receipts to the fund are approximately \$83-\$88 million annually, but may vary according to the amount of energy consumed. The energy conservation and load management fund is not a state fund, but rather a separate fund the electric distribution companies are required to maintain.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 11    Nay 2

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 47    Nay 0