



# Senate

General Assembly

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**File No. 149**

Senate Bill No. 895

*Senate, April 2, 2003*

The Committee on Energy and Technology reported through SEN. PETERS of the 20th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC UTILITY STATUTES.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 16-333f of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3 *passage*):

4 (a) Each community antenna television company shall inform the  
5 Department of Public Utility Control, each subscriber [, the  
6 chairpersons of the joint standing committee having cognizance of  
7 matters relating to public utilities] and the chairperson of the  
8 company's advisory council of any planned programming or rate  
9 changes not less than thirty days unless otherwise required by federal  
10 law prior to implementing such changes unless (1) such changes are  
11 required by law to be made in less than thirty days, or (2) the  
12 department prescribes a longer or shorter notice period in appropriate  
13 circumstances where such longer or shorter notice period is in the best

14 interest of the company's subscribers. The company's advisory council  
15 may hold an advisory public hearing concerning the planned changes  
16 and may then make a recommendation to the company prior to the  
17 planned implementation date. The department shall adopt regulations  
18 in accordance with chapter 54 to carry out the purposes of this  
19 subsection.

20 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 16a-39b of the general statutes is  
21 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
22 *passage*):

23 (b) The task force shall review state statutes, regulations, standards,  
24 policies and practices, analyze alternatives and formulate  
25 recommendations with regard to:

26 (1) The operation and maintenance of energy systems in state  
27 buildings;

28 (2) The staffing levels of, and training for, personnel responsible for  
29 the operation of such energy systems;

30 (3) The development and assessment of the need for incentives,  
31 including but not limited to, shared energy costs savings, to encourage  
32 agencies and agency personnel to conserve energy;

33 (4) Options for conventional and innovative financing for energy  
34 conservation measures in state buildings;

35 (5) Identification of obstacles to the development of an energy  
36 conservation program for state buildings, [or to the implementation of  
37 the pilot program conducted under section 16a-39a,] including but not  
38 limited to, any state procedures which affect the ability of an agency to  
39 engage in energy management or shared energy costs savings  
40 agreements; and

41 (6) The purchasing and leasing of energy-efficient buildings by the  
42 state.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>

**ET**      *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:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Type	FY 04 \$	FY 05 \$
Public Utility Control, Dept.	CC&PUCF - None	None	None

Note: CC&PUCF=Consumer Counsel and Public Utility Control Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill eliminates certain reporting requirements for cable television companies. Passage of the bill does not result in any fiscal impact to the state.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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***AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC UTILITY STATUTES*****SUMMARY:**

This bill eliminates the requirement that cable TV companies notify the chairpersons of the Energy and Technology Committee of planned programming and rate changes. The companies still must provide this information to cable subscribers and the chairperson of the company's advisory council, normally at least 30 days before the change goes into effect. The bill also makes a technical change.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 15    Nay 0