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Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced by:
(ET)

***AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRIC-GENERATED HEAT AND THE
CONNECTICUT ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 16a-41a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2004*):

4 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall submit to the joint
5 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
6 energy planning and activities, appropriations, and human services the
7 following on the implementation of the block grant program
8 authorized under the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of
9 1981, as amended:

10 (1) Not later than August first, annually, a Connecticut energy
11 assistance program annual plan which establishes guidelines for the
12 use of funds authorized under the Low-Income Home Energy
13 Assistance Act of 1981, as amended, and includes the following:

14 (A) Criteria for determining which households are to receive

15 emergency and weatherization assistance;

16 (B) A description of systems used to ensure referrals to other energy
17 assistance programs and the taking of simultaneous applications, as
18 required under section 16a-41;

19 (C) A description of outreach efforts; and

20 (D) Estimates of the total number of households eligible for
21 assistance under the program and the number of households in which
22 one or more elderly or physically disabled individuals eligible for
23 assistance reside;

24 (2) Not later than January thirtieth, annually, a report covering the
25 preceding months of the program year, including:

26 (A) In each community action agency geographic area and
27 Department of Social Services region, the number of fuel or electric-
28 generated heat assistance applications filed, approved and denied, the
29 number of emergency assistance requests made, approved and denied
30 and the number of households provided weatherization assistance;

31 (B) In each such area and district, the total amount of fuel, electric-
32 generated heat, emergency and weatherization assistance, itemized by
33 such type of assistance, and total expenditures to date; and

34 (C) For each state-wide office of each state agency administering the
35 program, each community action agency and each Department of
36 Social Services region, administrative expenses under the program, by
37 line item, and an estimate of outreach expenditures; and

38 (3) Not later than November first, annually, a report covering the
39 preceding twelve calendar months, including:

40 (A) In each community action agency geographic area and
41 Department of Social Services region, (i) seasonal totals for the
42 categories of data submitted under subdivision (1) of this subsection,

43 (ii) the number of households receiving fuel or electric-generated heat
44 assistance in which elderly or physically disabled individuals reside,
45 and (iii) the average combined benefit level of fuel, electric-generated
46 heat, emergency and renter assistance;

47 (B) Types of weatherization assistance provided;

48 (C) Percentage of weatherization assistance provided to tenants;

49 (D) The number of homeowners and tenants whose heat or total
50 energy costs are not included in their rent receiving fuel or electric-
51 generated heat and emergency assistance under the program by
52 benefit level;

53 (E) The number of homeowners and tenants whose heat is included
54 in their rent and who are receiving assistance, by benefit level; and

55 (F) The number of households receiving assistance, by energy type
56 and total expenditures for each energy type.

57 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 17b-801 of the general statutes is
58 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
59 *October 1, 2004*):

60 (b) The commissioner shall administer a state-appropriated
61 weatherization assistance program to provide, within available
62 appropriations, weatherization assistance in accordance with the
63 provisions of the state plan implementing the weatherization
64 assistance block grant program authorized by the federal Low-Income
65 Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981, and programs of fuel, electric-
66 generated heat assistance and weatherization assistance with funds
67 authorized by the federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of
68 1981 and by the U.S. Department of Energy in accordance with 10 CFR
69 Part 440 promulgated under Title IV of the Energy Conservation and
70 Production Act, as amended, and oil settlement funds in accordance
71 with subsections (b) and (c) of section 4-28. The commissioner shall
72 adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, (1)

73 establishing priorities for determining which households shall receive
74 such weatherization assistance, (2) requiring that such weatherization
75 assistance for energy conservation measures other than the retrofitting
76 of heating systems be provided only for any dwelling unit for which
77 an energy audit has been conducted in accordance with the provisions
78 of sections 16a-45a to 16a-46c, inclusive, (3) requiring that the only
79 criterion for determining which energy conservation measures shall be
80 implemented pursuant to this subsection in any such dwelling unit
81 shall be the simple payback calculated for each energy conservation
82 measure recommended in the energy audit conducted for such unit, (4)
83 establishing the maximum allowable payback period for such energy
84 conservation measures, and (5) establishing conditions for the waiver
85 of the provisions of subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive, of this subsection
86 in the event of emergencies. The programs provided for under this
87 subsection shall include a program of fuel, electric-generated heat and
88 weatherization assistance for emergency shelters for homeless
89 individuals and victims of domestic violence. The commissioner may
90 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to
91 implement and administer the program of fuel, electric-generated heat
92 and weatherization assistance for emergency shelters.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2004</i>

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