



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 319

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Substitute House Bill No. 5787

House of Representatives, March 31, 2008

The Committee on Energy and Technology reported through REP. FONTANA, S. of the 87th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF CONNECTICUT'S ECONOMIC, ENERGY AND CLIMATE SECURITY.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Renewable Energy Investment
2 Board, established pursuant to section 16-243n of the 2008 supplement
3 to the general statutes, shall contract with the Connecticut Academy of
4 Science and Engineering to study the processes of other states to create
5 departments of energy, including, but not limited to, an examination of
6 the funding for and mission of such departments. Said study shall also
7 include, but not be limited to, an analysis of the impact, if any, such
8 creation shall have on ensuring that the living standards of state
9 residents are not jeopardized by future oil shortages and price
10 increases; maximizing economic opportunities for state workers in
11 emerging clean energy industries; reducing carbon emissions through
12 greater reliance on clean renewable energy sources and energy
13 conservation and promoting energy independence and distributed
14 production. On or before January 1, 2009, said board shall report its

- 15 findings to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
16 having cognizance of matters relating to energy and technology.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i> | New section |

ET *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 \$ |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------|
| CT Innovations Inc. (quasi-public) | CC&PUCF - Cost | 120,000 |

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

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill has a one-time fiscal impact of \$120,000 to conduct a study of the processes other states use to create a department of energy.

The \$120,000 study cost would be paid for by the Renewable Energy Investment Fund, which is administered by Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated (CII). The Department of Public Utility Control assesses a charge to electric service customers and deposits a portion of this charge into the fund.

It is anticipated that the Renewable Energy Investments Board would contract with the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering (CASE) to complete this study and report the findings by January 1, 2009.

The Out Years

There is no out years cost as the cost is one time in nature.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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