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**Bill No. 1100**

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Introduced by:

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***AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY ASSISTANCE.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The unappropriated surplus  
2 remaining in the General Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008,  
3 shall be credited to the resources of the General Fund for use as  
4 General Fund revenue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

5 (b) The funds credited to the General Fund pursuant to subsection  
6 (a) of this section shall be available for expenditure during the fiscal  
7 year ending June 30, 2009, for the purposes specified in sections 6 to 13,  
8 inclusive, and 15 to 19, inclusive, of this act.

9 Sec. 2. Section 16a-22a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
10 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective September 1, 2008*):

11 No retail dealer of fuel oil or propane shall require that any regular  
12 customer of such dealer accept a minimum delivery of fuel oil or  
13 propane of over one hundred [fifty] gallons or seventy-five per cent of

14 primary tank size, whichever is less, as a condition of delivery by such  
15 dealer.

16 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 16a-22b of the general statutes is  
17 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
18 *September 1, 2008*):

19 (a) No retail dealer of fuel oil or propane shall assess a surcharge on  
20 the price of fuel oil or propane delivered to a customer if the delivery  
21 of the fuel oil or propane is in an amount in excess of one hundred  
22 [twenty-five] gallons, except that a surcharge may be assessed if a  
23 delivery is made outside the normal service area or the normal  
24 business hours of the dealer or extraordinary labor costs are involved  
25 in making a delivery.

26 Sec. 4. Section 16a-23n of the general statutes is repealed and the  
27 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective September 1, 2008*):

28 (a) A contract for the retail sale of home heating oil or propane gas  
29 that offers a guaranteed price plan, including fixed price contracts and  
30 any other similar terms, shall be in writing and the terms and  
31 conditions of such price [plans] plan shall be disclosed. Such disclosure  
32 shall be in plain language and shall immediately follow the language  
33 concerning the price or service that could be affected and shall be  
34 printed in no less than twelve-point boldface type of uniform font.

35 (b) A home heating oil or propane gas dealer that advertises a price  
36 shall offer [said] such price for a period of no less than twenty-four  
37 hours or until the next advertised price is publicized, whichever occurs  
38 first.

39 (c) No home heating oil or propane gas dealer shall enter into,  
40 renew or extend a prepaid home heating oil or propane gas contract or  
41 a capped price per gallon home heating oil contract unless such dealer  
42 has either: (1) Obtained and maintained heating oil or propane gas  
43 futures or forwards contracts or other similar commitments [that

44 allow] the total amount of which allow such dealer to purchase, at a  
45 fixed price, heating oil or propane gas in an amount not less than  
46 [seventy-five] eighty per cent of the maximum number of gallons or  
47 amount that such dealer is committed to deliver pursuant to all  
48 prepaid home heating oil or propane gas contracts entered into,  
49 renewed or extended by such dealer or that such dealer estimates is  
50 committed pursuant to all capped price per gallon home heating oil or  
51 capped price per unit propane gas contracts, respectively, or (2)  
52 obtained and maintained a surety bond in an amount not less than fifty  
53 per cent of the total amount of funds paid to the dealer by consumers  
54 pursuant to prepaid home heating oil or propane gas contracts or that  
55 the dealer estimates will be paid to the dealer by consumers pursuant  
56 to all capped price per gallon home heating oil or capped price per unit  
57 propane gas contracts, respectively. Such dealer shall maintain [the]  
58 such total amount of futures or forwards contracts or other similar  
59 commitments or the amount of the surety bond required by this  
60 subsection for the period of time for which such prepaid home heating  
61 oil or propane gas contracts or capped price per gallon home heating  
62 oil or capped price per unit propane gas contracts are effective, except  
63 that the total amount of such futures or forwards contracts or other  
64 similar commitments or the amount of the surety bond may be  
65 reduced during such period of time to reflect any amount of home  
66 heating oil or propane gas already delivered to and paid for by the  
67 consumer.

68 (d) No prepaid home heating oil or propane gas contract shall  
69 require any consumer commitment to purchase home heating oil or  
70 propane gas pursuant to the terms of such contract for a period of  
71 more than eighteen months.

72 (e) Any prepaid home heating oil or propane gas contract shall  
73 indicate: (1) The amount of funds paid by the consumer to the dealer  
74 under such contract, (2) the maximum number of gallons of home  
75 heating oil or maximum amount of propane gas committed by the  
76 dealer for delivery to the consumer pursuant to such contract, and (3)

77 that performance of such prepaid home heating oil or propane gas  
78 contract is secured by one of the two options described in subsection  
79 (c) of this section. Any such contract shall provide that the contract  
80 price of any undelivered home heating oil or propane gas owed to the  
81 consumer under the contract, on the end date of such contract, shall be  
82 reimbursed to the consumer not later than thirty days after the end  
83 date of such contract unless the parties to such contract agree  
84 otherwise.

85 (f) Each home heating oil or propane gas dealer who enters into,  
86 renews or extends prepaid home heating oil or propane gas contracts  
87 or capped price per gallon home heating oil contracts or capped price  
88 per unit propane gas contracts shall inform the Commissioner of  
89 Consumer Protection, in writing, that such dealer is entering into,  
90 renewing or extending such contracts and shall identify any entity  
91 from which the dealer has secured futures or forwards contracts or  
92 other similar commitments pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.  
93 Each such dealer shall notify the commissioner if at any time the total  
94 amount of such secured futures or forwards contracts or other such  
95 similar commitments held by the dealer is less than eighty per cent of  
96 the maximum number of gallons or amount that such dealer is  
97 committed to deliver pursuant to all such prepaid home heating oil or  
98 propane gas contracts entered into, renewed or extended by such  
99 dealer or that such dealer estimates it is committed to deliver pursuant  
100 to all of its capped price per gallon home heating oil or capped price  
101 per unit propane gas contracts, respectively. The commissioner shall  
102 prescribe the form in which such information shall be reported.

103 (g) Each person from which a home heating oil or propane gas  
104 dealer has secured a futures or forwards contract or other similar  
105 commitment pursuant to subsection (c) of this section shall notify the  
106 Commissioner of Consumer Protection, in writing, of the cancellation  
107 of such contract or other similar commitment not later than three  
108 business days after such cancellation.

109 Sec. 5. Section 16a-46e of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes  
110 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
111 *from passage*):

112 (a) [~~Between July 1, 2007, and July 1~~] From July 1, 2007, to June 30,  
113 2017, inclusive, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management  
114 shall provide a five-hundred-dollar rebate for the purchase and  
115 installation in residential structures of replacement natural gas  
116 furnaces or boilers that meet or exceed federal Energy Star standards  
117 and propane and oil furnaces and boilers that are not less than eighty-  
118 four per cent efficient. [Such rebates shall not exceed five million  
119 dollars in aggregate per year.] Persons may apply to the secretary, on a  
120 form prescribed by the secretary, to receive such rebate for furnaces  
121 and boilers purchased and installed from July 1, 2007, to June 30, 2017,  
122 inclusive. The rebate shall be available for only a residential structure  
123 containing not more than four dwelling units. Eligibility for [said] the  
124 rebate program shall be based upon the purchaser's Connecticut  
125 personal income tax return for the tax year prior to the tax year in  
126 which the purchase was made and determined as follows:

127 (1) (A) For the taxable year commencing on or after January 1, 2007,  
128 but prior to January 1, 2008, in the case of any such taxpayer who files  
129 under the federal income tax for such taxable year as an unmarried  
130 individual whose Connecticut adjusted gross income exceeds fifty-five  
131 thousand five hundred dollars, the amount of the rebate shall be  
132 reduced by ten per cent for each ten thousand dollars, or fraction  
133 thereof, by which the taxpayer's Connecticut adjusted gross income  
134 exceeds said amount.

135 (B) For the taxable year commencing on or after January 1, 2008, but  
136 prior to January 1, 2009, in the case of any such taxpayer who files  
137 under the federal income tax for such taxable year as an unmarried  
138 individual whose Connecticut adjusted gross income exceeds fifty-six  
139 thousand five hundred dollars, the amount of the rebate shall be  
140 reduced by ten per cent for each ten thousand dollars, or fraction

141 thereof, by which the taxpayer's Connecticut adjusted gross income  
142 exceeds said amount.

143 (C) For the taxable year commencing on or after January 1, 2009, but  
144 prior to January 1, 2010, in the case of any such taxpayer who files  
145 under the federal income tax for such taxable year as an unmarried  
146 individual whose Connecticut adjusted gross income exceeds fifty-  
147 eight thousand five hundred dollars, the amount of the rebate shall be  
148 reduced by ten per cent for each ten thousand dollars, or fraction  
149 thereof, by which the taxpayer's Connecticut adjusted gross income  
150 exceeds said amount.

151 (D) For the taxable year commencing on or after January 1, 2010, but  
152 prior to January 1, 2011, in the case of any such taxpayer who files  
153 under the federal income tax for such taxable year as an unmarried  
154 individual whose Connecticut adjusted gross income exceeds sixty  
155 thousand five hundred dollars, the amount of the rebate shall be  
156 reduced by ten per cent for each ten thousand dollars, or fraction  
157 thereof, by which the taxpayer's Connecticut adjusted gross income  
158 exceeds said amount.

159 (E) For the taxable year commencing on or after January 1, 2011, but  
160 prior to January 1, 2012, in the case of any such taxpayer who files  
161 under the federal income tax for such taxable year as an unmarried  
162 individual whose Connecticut adjusted gross income exceeds  
163 sixty-two thousand five hundred dollars, the amount of the rebate  
164 shall be reduced by ten per cent for each ten thousand dollars, or  
165 fraction thereof, by which the taxpayer's Connecticut adjusted gross  
166 income exceeds said amount.

167 (F) For the taxable year commencing on or after January 1, 2012, in  
168 the case of any such taxpayer who files under the federal income tax  
169 for such taxable year as an unmarried individual whose Connecticut  
170 adjusted gross income exceeds sixty-four thousand five hundred  
171 dollars, the amount of the rebate shall be reduced by ten per cent for  
172 each ten thousand dollars, or fraction thereof, by which the taxpayer's

173 Connecticut adjusted gross income exceeds said amount.

174 (2) [In] For a taxable year commencing on or after January 1, 2007,  
175 but prior to January 1, 2017, in the case of any such taxpayer who files  
176 under the federal income tax for such taxable year as a married  
177 individual filing separately whose Connecticut adjusted gross income  
178 exceeds fifty thousand two hundred fifty dollars, the amount of the  
179 rebate shall be reduced by ten per cent for each five thousand dollars,  
180 or fraction thereof, by which the taxpayer's Connecticut adjusted gross  
181 income exceeds said amount.

182 (3) [In] For a taxable year commencing on or after January 1, 2007,  
183 but prior to January 1, 2017, in the case of a taxpayer who files under  
184 the federal income tax for such taxable year as a head of household  
185 whose Connecticut adjusted gross income exceeds seventy-eight  
186 thousand five hundred dollars, the amount of the rebate shall be  
187 reduced by ten per cent for each ten thousand dollars or fraction  
188 thereof, by which the taxpayer's Connecticut adjusted gross income  
189 exceeds said amount.

190 (4) [In] For a taxable year commencing on or after January 1, 2007,  
191 but prior to January 1, 2017, in the case of a taxpayer who files under  
192 federal income tax for such taxable year as married individuals filing  
193 jointly whose Connecticut adjusted gross income exceeds one hundred  
194 thousand five hundred dollars, the amount of the rebate shall be  
195 reduced by ten per cent for each ten thousand dollars, or fraction  
196 thereof, by which the taxpayer's Connecticut adjusted gross income  
197 exceeds said amount.

198 (b) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall  
199 establish a program to provide rebates to eligible state residents for  
200 repairing or upgrading their existing boilers and furnaces to achieve  
201 greater heating efficiency. Eligibility for rebates pursuant to this  
202 subsection shall be determined using eligibility criteria established for  
203 rebates pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. Persons may apply to  
204 the secretary, on a form prescribed by the secretary, to receive such

205 rebate for furnace or boiler repairs or upgrades made on or after  
206 August 1, 2008. The rebate shall be available only for residential  
207 structures containing not more than four dwelling units. No rebate  
208 shall exceed five hundred dollars, nor shall a rebate equal more than  
209 fifty per cent of the cost of the repair or upgrade.

210 (c) A person who is not required to file a federal income tax return  
211 because such person's income does not meet the filing requirements  
212 and who otherwise qualifies for a rebate pursuant to this section shall  
213 receive the maximum allowable rebate pursuant to this section, subject  
214 to verification of income in a manner prescribed by the secretary.

215 (d) No person shall receive a rebate pursuant to this section for a  
216 furnace or boiler replacement if such person has received a monetary  
217 grant for the same furnace or boiler replacement under any program  
218 administered by the Fuel Oil Conservation Board established pursuant  
219 to section 16a-22l of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, as  
220 amended by section 7 of public act 08-2 of the June special session or  
221 any other state or federal grant program that pays the full cost of  
222 furnace or boiler replacement. A person using a state or federal low  
223 interest loan program to pay for the cost of furnace or boiler  
224 replacement may be eligible for a rebate pursuant to this section. In no  
225 event shall a rebate exceed the total expenditures for such furnace or  
226 boiler replacement.

227 (e) Rebates received pursuant to this section (1) shall not be  
228 considered taxable income for purposes of chapter 229, and (2) shall be  
229 excluded from any calculation of income for purposes of determining  
230 the eligibility for, or the benefit level of, any individual under any state  
231 or local program financed in whole or in part with state funds.

232 [(b)] (f) On or before January 1, 2009, the Energy Conservation  
233 Management Board shall report to the joint standing committee of the  
234 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy  
235 regarding the cost-effectiveness of the rebate [program] programs  
236 established pursuant to [subsection (a)] subsections (a) and (b) of this

237 section.

238       Sec. 6. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of \$8,500,000 is appropriated  
239 from the funds credited to the General Fund for the fiscal year ending  
240 June 30, 2009, pursuant to subsection (a) of section 1 of this act to the  
241 Office of Policy and Management, for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
242 2009, for the purpose of expanding Operation Fuel, Incorporated, to  
243 provide emergency home heating assistance from November 1, 2008,  
244 to April 30, 2009, inclusive, to households within the state with income  
245 greater than one hundred fifty but less than two hundred per cent of  
246 the applicable federal poverty level that are unable to make timely  
247 payments on deliverable fuel, electricity or natural gas bills. Operation  
248 Fuel, Incorporated, shall pay emergency home heating assistance  
249 provided pursuant to this section directly to fuel vendors, municipal  
250 utilities furnishing electricity or natural gas or electric or natural gas  
251 companies, as defined in section 16-1 of the 2008 supplement to the  
252 general statutes, as amended by section 1 of public act 08-77 and  
253 section 4 of public act 08-185.

254       Sec. 7. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of \$5,000,000 is appropriated  
255 from the funds credited to the General Fund for the fiscal year ending  
256 June 30, 2009, pursuant to subsection (a) of section 1 of this act to the  
257 Office of Policy and Management, for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
258 2009, for the purpose of expanding Operation Fuel, Incorporated, to  
259 provide emergency home heating assistance from November 1, 2008,  
260 to April 30, 2009, inclusive, to households within the state with income  
261 equal to or greater than two hundred per cent of the applicable federal  
262 poverty level, but equal to or less than one hundred per cent of the  
263 applicable state median household income, that are unable to make  
264 timely payments on deliverable fuel, electricity or natural gas bills.  
265 Operation Fuel, Incorporated, shall pay emergency home heating  
266 assistance provided pursuant to this section directly to fuel vendors,  
267 municipal utilities furnishing electricity or natural gas or electric or  
268 natural gas companies, as defined in section 16-1 of the 2008  
269 supplement to the general statutes, as amended by section 1 of public

270 act 08-77 and section 4 of public act 08-185. For purposes of this  
271 section, "state median household income" shall be determined by using  
272 the most recent state median income figures published by the  
273 Department of Social Services.

274 Sec. 8. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The sum of \$6,500,000 is  
275 appropriated from the funds credited to the General Fund for the fiscal  
276 year ending June 30, 2009, pursuant to subsection (a) of section 1 of this  
277 act to the Office of Policy and Management, for the fiscal year ending  
278 June 30, 2009, for the purpose of providing heating assistance grants to  
279 local and regional school districts to heat school buildings in such  
280 districts, calculated on a per pupil basis.

281 (b) (1) On or after October 15, 2008, but not later than November 30,  
282 2008, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall  
283 submit a plan to the speaker of the House of Representatives and the  
284 president pro tempore of the Senate recommending allocations of  
285 funds appropriated under subsection (a) of this section to provide the  
286 assistance permitted under said subsection. Such plan may allocate a  
287 portion of the appropriated funds to be used for administrative  
288 expenses. Not later than five days after receipt of such plan, the  
289 speaker and the president pro tempore shall submit the plan to the  
290 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance  
291 of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies  
292 and to the joint standing committee or committees of the General  
293 Assembly having cognizance of the subject matter relating to such  
294 recommended allocations, as determined by the speaker and the  
295 president pro tempore. Not later than thirty days after receipt of the  
296 plan, the committee having cognizance of matters relating to  
297 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, in concurrence with  
298 the committee or committees of cognizance, shall advise the secretary  
299 and Governor of their approval or modifications, if any, of such plan.  
300 If the joint standing committees do not concur, the committee  
301 chairpersons shall appoint a committee on conference which shall be  
302 comprised of three members from each joint standing committee. At

303 least one member appointed from each committee shall be a member  
304 of the minority party. The report of the committee on conference shall  
305 be made to each committee, which shall vote to accept or reject the  
306 report. The report of the committee on conference may not be  
307 amended. If a joint standing committee rejects the report of the  
308 committee on conference, the plan shall be deemed approved. If the  
309 joint standing committees accept the report, the committee having  
310 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of  
311 state agencies shall advise the secretary and Governor of their  
312 approval of the report. If the committees do not act during such thirty-  
313 day period, the plan shall be deemed approved.

314 (2) If the joint standing committees modify the plan, the Governor  
315 shall, not later than five days after receipt of notification of such  
316 modification, accept or reject such modification. If the Governor rejects  
317 such modification, the Governor shall notify the secretary of the  
318 rejection and the secretary shall, not later than five days after such  
319 notification, submit a revised plan to the speaker of the House of  
320 Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate. Not later  
321 than five days after receipt of the revised plan, the speaker and the  
322 president pro tempore shall submit the revised plan to the joint  
323 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
324 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies  
325 and to the joint standing committee or committees of the General  
326 Assembly having cognizance of the subject matter relating to such  
327 recommended allocations, as determined by the speaker and the  
328 president pro tempore. Not later than fifteen days after receipt of the  
329 revised plan, the committee having cognizance of matters relating to  
330 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, in concurrence with  
331 the committee or committees of cognizance, shall advise the secretary  
332 and Governor of their approval or modifications, if any, of the revised  
333 plan. If the joint standing committees do not concur, the committee  
334 chairpersons shall appoint a committee on conference which shall be  
335 comprised of three members from each joint standing committee. At  
336 least one member appointed from each committee shall be a member

337 of the minority party. The report of the committee on conference shall  
338 be made to each committee, which shall vote to accept or reject the  
339 report. The report of the committee on conference may not be  
340 amended. If a joint standing committee rejects the report of the  
341 committee on conference, the revised plan shall be deemed approved.  
342 If the joint standing committees accept the report, the committee  
343 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the  
344 budgets of state agencies shall advise the secretary and Governor of  
345 their approval of the report. If the committees do not act during such  
346 fifteen-day period, the revised plan shall be deemed approved.

347 (3) If the joint standing committees modify the revised plan, the  
348 Governor shall, not later than five days after receipt of notification of  
349 such modification, accept or reject such modified revised plan. If the  
350 Governor rejects such modified revised plan, the modified revised  
351 plan shall immediately be submitted to the clerks of the House of  
352 Representatives and the Senate. The General Assembly may, not later  
353 than thirty days after receipt of the modified revised plan, approve,  
354 reject or modify such plan. The General Assembly may approve or  
355 modify the modified revised plan by a majority vote of each house and  
356 may reject the modified revised plan by a majority vote of either  
357 house. If either house fails to act during such thirty-day period, the  
358 modified revised plan shall be deemed rejected. If the modified revised  
359 plan is rejected by the General Assembly, the revised plan shall be  
360 deemed approved. If the modified revised plan is approved, such  
361 approved plan, with modifications made by the General Assembly, if  
362 any, shall be transmitted to the Governor for approval or rejection. The  
363 Governor shall, not later than five days after receipt of such approved  
364 modified revised plan, accept or reject such plan. If the Governor  
365 rejects the modified revised plan as approved or modified by the  
366 General Assembly, the General Assembly may reconsider the modified  
367 revised plan in the same manner as a vetoed bill.

368 Sec. 9. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The sum of \$4,000,000 is  
369 appropriated from the funds credited to the General Fund for the fiscal

370 year ending June 30, 2009, pursuant to subsection (a) of section 1 of this  
371 act to the Office of Policy and Management, for the fiscal year ending  
372 June 30, 2009, for the purpose of providing home heating assistance to  
373 state residents aged sixty-five and older, with income equal to or less  
374 than one hundred per cent of the applicable state median household  
375 income, who are unable to make timely payments on deliverable fuel,  
376 electricity or natural gas bills. The Office of Policy and Management  
377 shall determine eligibility requirements for such assistance and may  
378 spend up to \$500,000 of the amount appropriated pursuant to this  
379 section to identify eligible residents and notify eligible residents that  
380 assistance is available. The Office of Policy and Management shall pay  
381 home heating energy assistance provided pursuant to this section  
382 directly to fuel vendors, municipal utilities furnishing electricity or  
383 natural gas or electric or natural gas companies, as defined in section  
384 16-1 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, as amended by  
385 section 1 of public act 08-77 and section 4 of public act 08-185. For  
386 purposes of this section, "state median household income" shall be  
387 determined by using the most recent state median income figures  
388 published by the Department of Social Services.

389 (b) (1) On or after October 15, 2008, but not later than November 30,  
390 2008, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall  
391 submit a plan to the speaker of the House of Representatives and the  
392 president pro tempore of the Senate recommending allocations of  
393 funds appropriated under subsection (a) of this section to provide the  
394 assistance permitted under said subsection. Such plan may allocate a  
395 portion of the appropriated funds to be used for administrative  
396 expenses. Not later than five days after receipt of such plan, the  
397 speaker and the president pro tempore shall submit the plan to the  
398 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance  
399 of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies  
400 and to the joint standing committee or committees of the General  
401 Assembly having cognizance of the subject matter relating to such  
402 recommended allocations, as determined by the speaker and the  
403 president pro tempore. Not later than thirty days after receipt of the

404 plan, the committee having cognizance of matters relating to  
405 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, in concurrence with  
406 the committee or committees of cognizance, shall advise the secretary  
407 and Governor of their approval or modifications, if any, of such plan.  
408 If the joint standing committees do not concur, the committee  
409 chairpersons shall appoint a committee on conference which shall be  
410 comprised of three members from each joint standing committee. At  
411 least one member appointed from each committee shall be a member  
412 of the minority party. The report of the committee on conference shall  
413 be made to each committee, which shall vote to accept or reject the  
414 report. The report of the committee on conference may not be  
415 amended. If a joint standing committee rejects the report of the  
416 committee on conference, the plan shall be deemed approved. If the  
417 joint standing committees accept the report, the committee having  
418 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of  
419 state agencies shall advise the secretary and Governor of their  
420 approval of the report. If the committees do not act during such thirty-  
421 day period, the plan shall be deemed approved.

422 (2) If the joint standing committees modify the plan, the Governor  
423 shall, not later than five days after receipt of notification of such  
424 modification, accept or reject such modification. If the Governor rejects  
425 such modification, the Governor shall notify the secretary of the  
426 rejection and the secretary shall, not later than five days after such  
427 notification, submit a revised plan to the speaker of the House of  
428 Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate. Not later  
429 than five days after receipt of the revised plan, the speaker and the  
430 president pro tempore shall submit the revised plan to the joint  
431 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
432 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies  
433 and to the joint standing committee or committees of the General  
434 Assembly having cognizance of the subject matter relating to such  
435 recommended allocations, as determined by the speaker and the  
436 president pro tempore. Not later than fifteen days after receipt of the  
437 revised plan, the committee having cognizance of matters relating to

438 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, in concurrence with  
439 the committee or committees of cognizance, shall advise the secretary  
440 and Governor of their approval or modifications, if any, of the revised  
441 plan. If the joint standing committees do not concur, the committee  
442 chairpersons shall appoint a committee on conference which shall be  
443 comprised of three members from each joint standing committee. At  
444 least one member appointed from each committee shall be a member  
445 of the minority party. The report of the committee on conference shall  
446 be made to each committee, which shall vote to accept or reject the  
447 report. The report of the committee on conference may not be  
448 amended. If a joint standing committee rejects the report of the  
449 committee on conference, the revised plan shall be deemed approved.  
450 If the joint standing committees accept the report, the committee  
451 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the  
452 budgets of state agencies shall advise the secretary and Governor of  
453 their approval of the report. If the committees do not act during such  
454 fifteen-day period, the revised plan shall be deemed approved.

455 (3) If the joint standing committees modify the revised plan, the  
456 Governor shall, not later than five days after receipt of notification of  
457 such modification, accept or reject such modified revised plan. If the  
458 Governor rejects such modified revised plan, the modified revised  
459 plan shall immediately be submitted to the clerks of the House of  
460 Representatives and the Senate. The General Assembly may, not later  
461 than thirty days after receipt of the modified revised plan, approve,  
462 reject or modify such plan. The General Assembly may approve or  
463 modify the modified revised plan by a majority vote of each house and  
464 may reject the modified revised plan by a majority vote of either  
465 house. If either house fails to act during such thirty-day period, the  
466 modified revised plan shall be deemed rejected. If the modified revised  
467 plan is rejected by the General Assembly, the revised plan shall be  
468 deemed approved. If the modified revised plan is approved, such  
469 approved plan, with modifications made by the General Assembly, if  
470 any, shall be transmitted to the Governor for approval or rejection. The  
471 Governor shall, not later than five days after receipt of such approved

472 modified revised plan, accept or reject such plan. If the Governor  
473 rejects the modified revised plan as approved or modified by the  
474 General Assembly, the General Assembly may reconsider the modified  
475 revised plan in the same manner as a vetoed bill.

476       Sec. 10. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of \$500,000 is appropriated  
477 from the funds credited to the General Fund for the fiscal year ending  
478 June 30, 2009, pursuant to subsection (a) of section 1 of this act to the  
479 Office of Policy and Management for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
480 2009, for the purpose of providing a grant to Operation Fuel,  
481 Incorporated, for operating expenses incurred for administration of the  
482 programs established pursuant to sections 6 and 7 of this act.

483       Sec. 11. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The sum of \$3,500,000 is  
484 appropriated from the funds credited to the General Fund for the fiscal  
485 year ending June 30, 2009, pursuant to subsection (a) of section 1 of this  
486 act to the Office of Policy and Management, for the fiscal year ending  
487 June 30, 2009, for the purpose of providing heating assistance grants to  
488 nonprofit organizations that are human service or public health  
489 providers, such as providers of adult day care, residential services to  
490 homeless persons and services to victims of domestic violence,  
491 including organizations that provide such services to the state through  
492 purchase of service or fee for service contracts. The Secretary of the  
493 Office of Policy and Management shall determine eligibility  
494 requirements for such assistance, develop criteria to determine the  
495 amount of the grant that an organization may receive and establish an  
496 application procedure. Said secretary may consult with the  
497 Commissioners of Social Services, Developmental Services, Mental  
498 Health and Addiction Services, Public Health, Correction and Children  
499 and Families, the Chief Court Administrator and the executive director  
500 of the Children's Trust Fund for purposes of coordinating payment of  
501 such grants. Funds appropriated to the Office of Policy and  
502 Management pursuant to this section may be transferred by the  
503 secretary to the Departments of Social Services, Developmental  
504 Services, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Public Health,

505 Correction and Children and Families, the Judicial Department and the  
506 Children's Trust Fund Council for payment of such grants.  
507 Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or the  
508 regulations of Connecticut state agencies, no grant awarded pursuant  
509 to this section shall affect any calculation of rates or fees paid to the  
510 organization receiving the grant or otherwise affect any contract with  
511 the state for provision of services.

512 (b) (1) On or after October 15, 2008, but not later than November 30,  
513 2008, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall  
514 submit a plan to the speaker of the House of Representatives and the  
515 president pro tempore of the Senate recommending allocations of  
516 funds appropriated under subsection (a) of this section to provide the  
517 assistance permitted under said subsection. Such plan may allocate a  
518 portion of the appropriated funds to be used for administrative  
519 expenses. Not later than five days after receipt of such plan, the  
520 speaker and the president pro tempore shall submit the plan to the  
521 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance  
522 of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies  
523 and to the joint standing committee or committees of the General  
524 Assembly having cognizance of the subject matter relating to such  
525 recommended allocations, as determined by the speaker and the  
526 president pro tempore. Not later than thirty days after receipt of the  
527 plan, the committee having cognizance of matters relating to  
528 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, in concurrence with  
529 the committee or committees of cognizance, shall advise the secretary  
530 and Governor of their approval or modifications, if any, of such plan.  
531 If the joint standing committees do not concur, the committee  
532 chairpersons shall appoint a committee on conference which shall be  
533 comprised of three members from each joint standing committee. At  
534 least one member appointed from each committee shall be a member  
535 of the minority party. The report of the committee on conference shall  
536 be made to each committee, which shall vote to accept or reject the  
537 report. The report of the committee on conference may not be  
538 amended. If a joint standing committee rejects the report of the

539 committee on conference, the plan shall be deemed approved. If the  
540 joint standing committees accept the report, the committee having  
541 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of  
542 state agencies shall advise the secretary and Governor of their  
543 approval of the report. If the committees do not act during such thirty-  
544 day period, the plan shall be deemed approved.

545 (2) If the joint standing committees modify the plan, the Governor  
546 shall, not later than five days after receipt of notification of such  
547 modification, accept or reject such modification. If the Governor rejects  
548 such modification, the Governor shall notify the secretary of the  
549 rejection and the secretary shall, not later than five days after such  
550 notification, submit a revised plan to the speaker of the House of  
551 Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate. Not later  
552 than five days after receipt of the revised plan, the speaker and the  
553 president pro tempore shall submit the revised plan to the joint  
554 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
555 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies  
556 and to the joint standing committee or committees of the General  
557 Assembly having cognizance of the subject matter relating to such  
558 recommended allocations, as determined by the speaker and the  
559 president pro tempore. Not later than fifteen days after receipt of the  
560 revised plan, the committee having cognizance of matters relating to  
561 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, in concurrence with  
562 the committee or committees of cognizance, shall advise the secretary  
563 and Governor of their approval or modifications, if any, of the revised  
564 plan. If the joint standing committees do not concur, the committee  
565 chairpersons shall appoint a committee on conference which shall be  
566 comprised of three members from each joint standing committee. At  
567 least one member appointed from each committee shall be a member  
568 of the minority party. The report of the committee on conference shall  
569 be made to each committee, which shall vote to accept or reject the  
570 report. The report of the committee on conference may not be  
571 amended. If a joint standing committee rejects the report of the  
572 committee on conference, the revised plan shall be deemed approved.

573 If the joint standing committees accept the report, the committee  
574 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the  
575 budgets of state agencies shall advise the secretary and Governor of  
576 their approval of the report. If the committees do not act during such  
577 fifteen-day period, the revised plan shall be deemed approved.

578 (3) If the joint standing committees modify the revised plan, the  
579 Governor shall, not later than five days after receipt of notification of  
580 such modification, accept or reject such modified revised plan. If the  
581 Governor rejects such modified revised plan, the modified revised  
582 plan shall immediately be submitted to the clerks of the House of  
583 Representatives and the Senate. The General Assembly may, not later  
584 than thirty days after receipt of the modified revised plan, approve,  
585 reject or modify such plan. The General Assembly may approve or  
586 modify the modified revised plan by a majority vote of each house and  
587 may reject the modified revised plan by a majority vote of either  
588 house. If either house fails to act during such thirty-day period, the  
589 modified revised plan shall be deemed rejected. If the modified revised  
590 plan is rejected by the General Assembly, the revised plan shall be  
591 deemed approved. If the modified revised plan is approved, such  
592 approved plan, with modifications made by the General Assembly, if  
593 any, shall be transmitted to the Governor for approval or rejection. The  
594 Governor shall, not later than five days after receipt of such approved  
595 modified revised plan, accept or reject such plan. If the Governor  
596 rejects the modified revised plan as approved or modified by the  
597 General Assembly, the General Assembly may reconsider the modified  
598 revised plan in the same manner as a vetoed bill.

599 Sec. 12. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of \$3,000,000 is appropriated  
600 from the funds credited to the General Fund for the fiscal year ending  
601 June 30, 2009, pursuant to subsection (a) of section 1 of this act to the  
602 Office of Policy and Management, for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
603 2009, to provide additional funding for the rebate program for  
604 residential furnace or boiler replacement established pursuant to  
605 section 16a-46e of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, as

606 amended by this act. Any unexpended funds appropriated for  
607 purposes of this section shall not lapse on June 30, 2009, but shall be  
608 available for expenditure during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.

609       Sec. 13. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of \$2,000,000 is appropriated  
610 from the funds credited to the General Fund for the fiscal year ending  
611 June 30, 2009, pursuant to subsection (a) of section 1 of this act to the  
612 Office of Policy and Management, for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
613 2009, to provide rebates to eligible state residents for repairing or  
614 upgrading their existing boilers or furnaces to achieve greater heating  
615 efficiency pursuant to the program established in subsection (b) of  
616 section 16a-46e of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, as  
617 amended by this act. Any unexpended funds appropriated for  
618 purposes of this section shall not lapse on June 30, 2009, but shall be  
619 available for expenditure during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.

620       Sec. 14. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 16a-40b of the 2008  
621 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is  
622 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

623       (b) Any such loan or deferred loan shall be available only for a  
624 residential structure containing not more than four dwelling units,  
625 shall be not less than four hundred dollars and not more than twenty-  
626 five thousand dollars per structure and, with respect to any application  
627 received on or after November 29, 1979, shall be made only to an  
628 applicant who submits evidence, satisfactory to the commissioner, that  
629 the adjusted gross income of the household member or members who  
630 contribute to the support of his household was not in excess of [one  
631 hundred fifty] two hundred per cent of the median area income by  
632 household size. In the case of a deferred loan, the contract shall require  
633 that payments on interest are due immediately but that payments on  
634 principal may be made at a later time. Repayment of [all] loans made  
635 under this subsection shall be subject to (1) a rate of interest (A) of zero  
636 per cent for loans for natural gas furnaces or boilers that meet or  
637 exceed federal Energy Star standards and propane and oil furnaces

638 and boilers that are not less than eighty-four per cent efficient or as  
639 may otherwise be provided in subsection (a) of section 16a-46e of the  
640 2008 supplement to the general statutes, as amended by this act, or (B)  
641 to be determined in accordance with subsection (t) of section 3-20 and  
642 this subsection for loans for other purposes, and (2) such terms and  
643 conditions as the commissioner may establish. The State Bond  
644 Commission shall establish a range of rates of interest payable on [all]  
645 loans [under] pursuant to subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this  
646 subsection and shall apply the range to applicants in accordance with a  
647 formula which reflects their income. Such range shall be not less than  
648 zero per cent for any applicant in the lowest income class and not more  
649 than one per cent above the rate of interest borne by the general  
650 obligation bonds of the state last issued prior to the most recent date  
651 such range was established for any applicant for whom the adjusted  
652 gross income of the household member or members who contribute to  
653 the support of his household does not exceed [one hundred fifty] two  
654 hundred per cent of the median area income by household size.

655 (c) The commissioner shall establish a program under which he  
656 shall make funds deposited in the Energy Conservation Loan Fund  
657 available for low-cost loans or deferred loans under subsection (a) of  
658 this section for residential structures containing more than four  
659 dwelling units, or for contracts guaranteeing payment of loans or  
660 deferred loans provided by private institutions for such structures for  
661 the purposes specified under subsection (a) of this section. Any such  
662 loan or deferred loan shall be an amount equaling not more than two  
663 thousand dollars multiplied by the number of dwelling units in such  
664 structure, provided no such loan or deferred loan shall exceed sixty  
665 thousand dollars. If the applicant seeks a loan or deferred loan for a  
666 structure containing more than thirty dwelling units, he shall include  
667 in his application a commitment to make comparable energy  
668 improvements of benefit to all dwelling units in the structure in  
669 addition to the thirty units which are eligible for the loan or deferred  
670 loan. Applications for contracts of guarantee shall be limited to  
671 structures containing not more than thirty dwelling units and the

672 amount of the guarantee shall be not more than three thousand dollars  
673 for each dwelling unit benefiting from the loan or deferred loan. There  
674 shall not be an income eligibility limitation for applicants for such  
675 loans, deferred loans or guarantees, but the commissioner shall give  
676 preference to applications for loans, deferred loans or guarantees for  
677 such structures which are occupied by persons of low or moderate  
678 income. Repayment of such loans or deferred loans shall be subject to  
679 [such rates] (1) a rate of interest [,] (A) of zero per cent for loans for  
680 natural gas furnaces or boilers that meet or exceed federal Energy Star  
681 standards and propane and oil furnaces and boilers that are not less  
682 than eighty-four per cent efficient or as may otherwise be provided in  
683 subsection (a) of section 16a-46e of the 2008 supplement to the general  
684 statutes, as amended by this act, or (B) to be determined in accordance  
685 with subsection (t) of section 3-20 for loans for other purposes, and (2)  
686 such terms and conditions as the commissioner shall establish. The  
687 state shall have a lien on each property for which a loan, deferred loan  
688 or guarantee has been made under this section to ensure compliance  
689 with such terms and conditions.

690 Sec. 15. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of \$2,000,000 is appropriated  
691 from the funds credited to the General Fund for the fiscal year ending  
692 June 30, 2009, pursuant to subsection (a) of section 1 of this act to the  
693 Department of Economic and Community Development, for the fiscal  
694 year ending June 30, 2009, to provide additional funding for the loan  
695 program for the purchase and installation in residential structures of  
696 insulation, alternative energy devices, energy conservation materials  
697 and replacement furnaces and boilers established pursuant to section  
698 16a-40b of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, as amended by  
699 this act. The department may spend up to \$250,000 of the amount  
700 appropriated pursuant to this section for administrative expenses and  
701 promotion of said program.

702 Sec. 16. (*Effective from passage*) (a) After appropriations have been  
703 made pursuant to sections 6 to 13, inclusive, and 15 to 19, inclusive, of  
704 this act from the funds credited to the General Fund for the fiscal year

705 ending June 30, 2009, pursuant to subsection (a) of section 1 of this act,  
706 the remainder of such funds shall be appropriated to the Office of  
707 Policy and Management, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009,  
708 provided no more than \$35,000,000 shall be appropriated to the Office  
709 of Policy and Management. Such funds appropriated to the Office of  
710 Policy and Management shall be deposited in an energy contingency  
711 account, which shall be established for such purpose. Funds in the  
712 account may be used to provide emergency home heating assistance to  
713 state residents, with consideration given to households with  
714 preexisting all electric heating, and to supplement federal funding for  
715 the Connecticut energy assistance program. Any funds remaining in  
716 the energy contingency account on June 30, 2009, shall not lapse, but  
717 shall be available for expenditure during the fiscal year ending June 30,  
718 2010.

719 (b) (1) Whenever, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, the  
720 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management determines that  
721 funds in the energy contingency account are needed to provide the  
722 assistance permitted under subsection (a) of this section, said secretary  
723 shall submit a plan to the speaker of the House of Representatives and  
724 the president pro tempore of the Senate recommending allocations of  
725 such funds. The secretary may submit one or more plans during said  
726 fiscal year, provided the first such plan shall be submitted after  
727 November 1, 2008. Any such plan may allocate a portion of the  
728 moneys to be used for administrative expenses. Not later than five  
729 days after receipt of any such plan, the speaker and the president pro  
730 tempore shall submit the plan to the joint standing committee of the  
731 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
732 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and to the joint  
733 standing committee or committees of the General Assembly having  
734 cognizance of the subject matter relating to the plan, as determined by  
735 the speaker and the president pro tempore. Not later than thirty days  
736 after receipt of the plan, the committee having cognizance of matters  
737 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, in  
738 concurrence with the committee or committees of cognizance, shall

739 advise the secretary and Governor of their approval or modifications,  
740 if any, of such plan. If the joint standing committees do not concur, the  
741 committee chairpersons shall appoint a committee on conference  
742 which shall be comprised of three members from each joint standing  
743 committee. At least one member appointed from each committee shall  
744 be a member of the minority party. The report of the committee on  
745 conference shall be made to each committee, which shall vote to accept  
746 or reject the report. The report of the committee on conference may not  
747 be amended. If a joint standing committee rejects the report of the  
748 committee on conference, the plan shall be deemed approved. If the  
749 joint standing committees accept the report, the committee having  
750 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of  
751 state agencies shall advise the secretary and Governor of their  
752 approval of the report. If the committees do not act during such thirty-  
753 day period, the plan shall be deemed approved.

754 (2) If the joint standing committees modify the plan, the Governor  
755 shall, not later than five days after receipt of notification of such  
756 modification, accept or reject such modification. If the Governor rejects  
757 such modification, the Governor shall notify the secretary of the  
758 rejection and the secretary shall, not later than five days after such  
759 notification, submit a revised plan to the speaker of the House of  
760 Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate. Not later  
761 than five days after receipt of the revised plan, the speaker and the  
762 president pro tempore shall submit the revised plan to the joint  
763 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
764 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies  
765 and to the joint standing committee or committees of the General  
766 Assembly having cognizance of the subject matter relating to such  
767 recommended allocations, as determined by the speaker and the  
768 president pro tempore. Not later than fifteen days after receipt of the  
769 revised plan, the committee having cognizance of matters relating to  
770 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, in concurrence with  
771 the committee or committees of cognizance, shall advise the secretary  
772 and Governor of their approval or modifications, if any, of the revised

773 plan. If the joint standing committees do not concur, the committee  
774 chairpersons shall appoint a committee on conference which shall be  
775 comprised of three members from each joint standing committee. At  
776 least one member appointed from each committee shall be a member  
777 of the minority party. The report of the committee on conference shall  
778 be made to each committee, which shall vote to accept or reject the  
779 report. The report of the committee on conference may not be  
780 amended. If a joint standing committee rejects the report of the  
781 committee on conference, the revised plan shall be deemed approved.  
782 If the joint standing committees accept the report, the committee  
783 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the  
784 budgets of state agencies shall advise the secretary and Governor of  
785 their approval of the report. If the committees do not act during such  
786 fifteen-day period, the revised plan shall be deemed approved.

787 (3) If the joint standing committees modify the revised plan, the  
788 Governor shall, not later than five days after receipt of notification of  
789 such modification, accept or reject such modified revised plan. If the  
790 Governor rejects such modified revised plan, the modified revised  
791 plan shall immediately be submitted to the clerks of the House of  
792 Representatives and the Senate. The General Assembly may, not later  
793 than thirty days after receipt of the modified revised plan, approve,  
794 reject or modify such plan. The General Assembly may approve or  
795 modify the modified revised plan by a majority vote of each house and  
796 may reject the modified revised plan by a majority vote of either  
797 house. If either house fails to act during such thirty-day period, the  
798 modified revised plan shall be deemed rejected. If the modified revised  
799 plan is rejected by the General Assembly, the revised plan shall be  
800 deemed approved. If the modified revised plan is approved, such  
801 approved plan, with modifications made by the General Assembly, if  
802 any, shall be transmitted to the Governor for approval or rejection. The  
803 Governor shall, not later than five days after receipt of such approved  
804 modified revised plan, accept or reject such plan. If the Governor  
805 rejects the modified revised plan as approved or modified by the  
806 General Assembly, the General Assembly may reconsider the modified

807 revised plan in the same manner as a vetoed bill.

808       Sec. 17. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Office of Policy and  
809 Management shall establish an energy audit subsidy program for  
810 qualified oil companies and other entities that conduct energy audits  
811 for people who heat their homes by a means other than electricity or  
812 natural gas, including, but not limited to, residential home heating oil  
813 customers. The program shall cover the balance of the cost of such  
814 audits conducted from September 1, 2008, to June 30, 2009, inclusive,  
815 by qualified oil companies and other entities that can show they (1)  
816 provided an energy audit to a residential customer, and (2) collected a  
817 seventy-five-dollar fee from the customer for such audit.

818       (b) The sum of \$7,000,000 is appropriated from the funds credited to  
819 the General Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, pursuant to  
820 subsection (a) of section 1 of this act to the Office of Policy and  
821 Management for the energy audit subsidy program established  
822 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

823       (c) Any unexpended funds appropriated for purposes of this section  
824 shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, but  
825 shall be available for expenditure during the next fiscal year.

826       Sec. 18. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The sum of \$2,000,000 is  
827 appropriated from the funds credited to the General Fund for the fiscal  
828 year ending June 30, 2009, pursuant to subsection (a) of section 1 of this  
829 act to the Department of Social Services to develop a plan for (1)  
830 providing funds for weatherization projects for low-income  
831 households participating in the Connecticut energy assistance  
832 program, (2) prioritizing assistance to households with incomes below  
833 two hundred per cent of the federal poverty level, and (3) coordinating  
834 provision of assistance to maximize effectiveness of the funds with the  
835 weatherization assistance provided to low-income households by the  
836 municipal electric utility and public service utility companies under  
837 programs overseen by the Energy Conservation Management Board  
838 pursuant to section 7-233y of the general statutes and sections 16-245m

839 and 16-32f of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes and the Fuel  
 840 Oil Conservation Board pursuant to section 16a-22l of the 2008  
 841 supplement to the general statutes, as amended by section 7 of public  
 842 act 08-2 of the June special session. No later than November 1, 2008,  
 843 and at least forty-five days before implementation, the department  
 844 shall submit such plan to the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board, the  
 845 Fuel Oil Conservation Board and the Energy Conservation  
 846 Management Board for input and advice. The Energy Conservation  
 847 Management Board may order modification of the plan to ensure  
 848 effective prioritization and coordination of weatherization assistance in  
 849 accordance with this section.

850 Sec. 19. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Office of Policy and  
 851 Management shall develop a program to provide grants to  
 852 municipalities to establish oil purchasing cooperatives. Municipalities  
 853 awarded such grants shall use the funds to cover administrative  
 854 expenses of establishing such cooperatives. Grants shall not exceed (1)  
 855 one thousand dollars for a municipality with a population under  
 856 twenty-five thousand, (2) two thousand dollars for a municipality with  
 857 a population of at least twenty-five thousand but under seventy-five  
 858 thousand, and (3) five thousand dollars for a municipality with a  
 859 population of seventy-five thousand or more.

860 (b) The sum of \$300,000 is appropriated from the funds credited to  
 861 the General Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, pursuant to  
 862 subsection (a) of section 1 of this act to the Office of Policy and  
 863 Management for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, for the purpose of  
 864 providing grants pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>September 1, 2008</i>	16a-22a
Sec. 3	<i>September 1, 2008</i>	16a-22b(a)
Sec. 4	<i>September 1, 2008</i>	16a-23n

Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	16a-46e
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 14	<i>from passage</i>	16a-40b(b) and (c)
Sec. 15	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 16	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 17	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 18	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 19	<i>from passage</i>	New section