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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 5 to 10,
8 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 Section 16a-22a of the general statutes is repealed and the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. Section 16a-23n of the general statutes is repealed and the
17 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective September 1, 2008*):

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

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

29 (c) No home heating oil or propane gas dealer shall enter into,
30 renew or extend a prepaid home heating oil or propane gas contract or
31 a capped price per gallon home heating oil contract unless such dealer
32 has either: (1) Obtained and maintained heating oil or propane gas
33 futures or forwards contracts or other similar commitments [that
34 allow] the total amount of which allow such dealer to purchase, at a
35 fixed price, heating oil or propane gas in an amount not less than
36 [seventy-five] eighty per cent of the maximum number of gallons or
37 amount that such dealer is committed to deliver pursuant to all
38 prepaid home heating oil or propane gas contracts entered into,
39 renewed or extended by such dealer or that such dealer estimates is
40 committed pursuant to all capped price per gallon home heating oil or
41 capped price per unit propane gas contracts, respectively, or (2)
42 obtained and maintained a surety bond in an amount not less than fifty
43 per cent of the total amount of funds paid to the dealer by consumers
44 pursuant to prepaid home heating oil or propane gas contracts or that

45 the dealer estimates will be paid to the dealer by consumers pursuant
46 to all capped price per gallon home heating oil or capped price per unit
47 propane gas contracts, respectively. Such dealer shall maintain [the]
48 such total amount of futures or forwards contracts or other similar
49 commitments or the amount of the surety bond required by this
50 subsection for the period of time for which such prepaid home heating
51 oil or propane gas contracts or capped price per gallon home heating
52 oil or capped price per unit propane gas contracts are effective, except
53 that the total amount of such futures or forwards contracts or other
54 similar commitments or the amount of the surety bond may be
55 reduced during such period of time to reflect any amount of home
56 heating oil or propane gas already delivered to and paid for by the
57 consumer.

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

62 (e) Any prepaid home heating oil or propane gas contract shall
63 indicate: (1) The amount of funds paid by the consumer to the dealer
64 under such contract, (2) the maximum number of gallons of home
65 heating oil or maximum amount of propane gas committed by the
66 dealer for delivery to the consumer pursuant to such contract, and (3)
67 that performance of such prepaid home heating oil or propane gas
68 contract is secured by one of the two options described in subsection
69 (c) of this section. Any such contract shall provide that the contract
70 price of any undelivered home heating oil or propane gas owed to the
71 consumer under the contract, on the end date of such contract, shall be
72 reimbursed to the consumer not later than thirty days after the end
73 date of such contract unless the parties to such contract agree
74 otherwise.

75 (f) Each home heating oil or propane gas dealer who enters into,
76 renews or extends prepaid home heating oil or propane gas contracts

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

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

99 Sec. 4. Section 16a-46e of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes
100 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
101 *from passage*):

102 (a) [Between July 1, 2007, and July 1] From July 1, 2007, to June 30,
103 2017, inclusive, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management
104 shall provide a five-hundred-dollar rebate for the purchase and
105 installation in residential structures of replacement natural gas
106 furnaces or boilers that meet or exceed federal Energy Star standards
107 and propane and oil furnaces and boilers that are not less than eighty-
108 four per cent efficient. [Such rebates shall not exceed five million

109 dollars in aggregate per year.] Persons may apply to the secretary, on a
110 form prescribed by the secretary, to receive such rebate for furnaces
111 and boilers purchased and installed from July 1, 2007, to June 30, 2017,
112 inclusive. The rebate shall be available for only a residential structure
113 containing not more than four dwelling units. Eligibility for [said] the
114 rebate program shall be based upon the purchaser's Connecticut
115 personal income tax return for the tax year prior to the tax year in
116 which the purchase was made and determined as follows:

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

125 (B) For the taxable year commencing on or after January 1, 2008, but
126 prior to January 1, 2009, in the case of any such taxpayer who files
127 under the federal income tax for such taxable year as an unmarried
128 individual whose Connecticut adjusted gross income exceeds fifty-six
129 thousand five hundred dollars, the amount of the rebate shall be
130 reduced by ten per cent for each ten thousand dollars, or fraction
131 thereof, by which the taxpayer's Connecticut adjusted gross income
132 exceeds said amount.

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

141 (D) For the taxable year commencing on or after January 1, 2010, but
142 prior to January 1, 2011, in the case of any such taxpayer who files
143 under the federal income tax for such taxable year as an unmarried
144 individual whose Connecticut adjusted gross income exceeds sixty
145 thousand five hundred dollars, the amount of the rebate shall be
146 reduced by ten per cent for each ten thousand dollars, or fraction
147 thereof, by which the taxpayer's Connecticut adjusted gross income
148 exceeds said amount.

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

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

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

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

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

188 (b) A person who is not required to file a federal income tax return
189 because such person's income does not meet the filing requirements
190 and who otherwise qualifies for a rebate pursuant to this section shall
191 receive the maximum allowable rebate pursuant to this section, subject
192 to verification of income in a manner prescribed by the secretary.

193 (c) No person shall receive a rebate pursuant to this section for a
194 furnace or boiler replacement if such person has received a monetary
195 grant for the same furnace or boiler replacement under any program
196 administered by the Fuel Oil Conservation Board established pursuant
197 to section 16a-22l of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, as
198 amended by section 7 of public act 08-2 of the June special session or
199 any other state or federal grant program that pays the full cost of
200 furnace or boiler replacement. A person using a state or federal low
201 interest loan program to pay for the cost of furnace or boiler
202 replacement may be eligible for a rebate pursuant to this section. In no
203 event shall a rebate exceed the total expenditures for such furnace or

204 boiler replacement.

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

210 ~~[(b)]~~ (e) On or before January 1, 2009, the Energy Conservation
211 Management Board shall report to the joint standing committee of the
212 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy
213 regarding the cost-effectiveness of the rebate ~~[program]~~ programs
214 established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

215 Sec. 5. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of \$8,500,000 is appropriated
216 from the funds credited to the General Fund for the fiscal year ending
217 June 30, 2009, pursuant to subsection (a) of section 1 of this act to the
218 Office of Policy and Management, for the fiscal year ending June 30,
219 2009, for the purpose of expanding Operation Fuel, Incorporated, to
220 provide emergency home heating assistance from November 1, 2008,
221 to April 30, 2009, inclusive, to households within the state with income
222 greater than one hundred fifty but less than two hundred per cent of
223 the applicable federal poverty level that are unable to make timely
224 payments on deliverable fuel, electricity or natural gas bills. Operation
225 Fuel, Incorporated, shall pay emergency home heating assistance
226 provided pursuant to this section directly to fuel vendors, municipal
227 utilities furnishing electricity or natural gas or electric or natural gas
228 companies, as defined in section 16-1 of the 2008 supplement to the
229 general statutes, as amended by section 1 of public act 08-77 and
230 section 4 of public act 08-185.

231 Sec. 6. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of \$5,000,000 is appropriated
232 from the funds credited to the General Fund for the fiscal year ending
233 June 30, 2009, pursuant to subsection (a) of section 1 of this act to the
234 Office of Policy and Management, for the fiscal year ending June 30,

235 2009, for the purpose of expanding Operation Fuel, Incorporated, to
236 provide emergency home heating assistance from November 1, 2008,
237 to April 30, 2009, inclusive, to households within the state with income
238 equal to or greater than two hundred per cent of the applicable federal
239 poverty level, but equal to or less than one hundred per cent of the
240 applicable state median household income, that are unable to make
241 timely payments on deliverable fuel, electricity or natural gas bills.
242 Operation Fuel, Incorporated, shall pay emergency home heating
243 assistance provided pursuant to this section directly to fuel vendors,
244 municipal utilities furnishing electricity or natural gas or electric or
245 natural gas companies, as defined in section 16-1 of the 2008
246 supplement to the general statutes, as amended by section 1 of public
247 act 08-77 and section 4 of public act 08-185. For purposes of this
248 section, "state median household income" shall be determined by using
249 the most recent state median income figures published by the
250 Department of Social Services.

251 Sec. 7. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The sum of \$6,500,000 is
252 appropriated from the funds credited to the General Fund for the fiscal
253 year ending June 30, 2009, pursuant to subsection (a) of section 1 of this
254 act to the Office of Policy and Management, for the fiscal year ending
255 June 30, 2009, for the purpose of providing heating assistance grants to
256 local and regional school districts to heat school buildings in such
257 districts, calculated on a per pupil basis.

258 (b) (1) On or after October 15, 2008, but not later than November 30,
259 2008, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall
260 submit a plan to the speaker of the House of Representatives and the
261 president pro tempore of the Senate recommending allocations of
262 funds appropriated under subsection (a) of this section to provide the
263 assistance permitted under said subsection. Such plan may allocate a
264 portion of the appropriated funds to be used for administrative
265 expenses. Not later than five days after receipt of such plan, the
266 speaker and the president pro tempore shall submit the plan to the
267 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance

268 of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies
269 and to the joint standing committee or committees of the General
270 Assembly having cognizance of the subject matter relating to such
271 recommended allocations, as determined by the speaker and the
272 president pro tempore. Not later than thirty days after receipt of the
273 plan, the committee having cognizance of matters relating to
274 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, in concurrence with
275 the committee or committees of cognizance, shall advise the secretary
276 and Governor of their approval or modifications, if any, of such plan.
277 If the joint standing committees do not concur, the committee
278 chairpersons shall appoint a committee on conference which shall be
279 comprised of three members from each joint standing committee. At
280 least one member appointed from each committee shall be a member
281 of the minority party. The report of the committee on conference shall
282 be made to each committee, which shall vote to accept or reject the
283 report. The report of the committee on conference may not be
284 amended. If a joint standing committee rejects the report of the
285 committee on conference, the plan shall be deemed approved. If the
286 joint standing committees accept the report, the committee having
287 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of
288 state agencies shall advise the secretary and Governor of their
289 approval of the report. If the committees do not act during such thirty-
290 day period, the plan shall be deemed approved.

291 (2) If the joint standing committees modify the plan, the Governor
292 shall, not later than five days after receipt of notification of such
293 modification, accept or reject such modification. If the Governor rejects
294 such modification, the Governor shall notify the secretary of the
295 rejection and the secretary shall, not later than five days after such
296 notification, submit a revised plan to the speaker of the House of
297 Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate. Not later
298 than five days after receipt of the revised plan, the speaker and the
299 president pro tempore shall submit the revised plan to the joint
300 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of

301 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies
302 and to the joint standing committee or committees of the General
303 Assembly having cognizance of the subject matter relating to such
304 recommended allocations, as determined by the speaker and the
305 president pro tempore. Not later than fifteen days after receipt of the
306 revised plan, the committee having cognizance of matters relating to
307 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, in concurrence with
308 the committee or committees of cognizance, shall advise the secretary
309 and Governor of their approval or modifications, if any, of the revised
310 plan. If the joint standing committees do not concur, the committee
311 chairpersons shall appoint a committee on conference which shall be
312 comprised of three members from each joint standing committee. At
313 least one member appointed from each committee shall be a member
314 of the minority party. The report of the committee on conference shall
315 be made to each committee, which shall vote to accept or reject the
316 report. The report of the committee on conference may not be
317 amended. If a joint standing committee rejects the report of the
318 committee on conference, the revised plan shall be deemed approved.
319 If the joint standing committees accept the report, the committee
320 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the
321 budgets of state agencies shall advise the secretary and Governor of
322 their approval of the report. If the committees do not act during such
323 fifteen-day period, the revised plan shall be deemed approved.

324 (3) If the joint standing committees modify the revised plan, the
325 Governor shall, not later than five days after receipt of notification of
326 such modification, accept or reject such modified revised plan. If the
327 Governor rejects such modified revised plan, the modified revised
328 plan shall immediately be submitted to the clerks of the House of
329 Representatives and the Senate. The General Assembly may, not later
330 than thirty days after receipt of the modified revised plan, approve,
331 reject or modify such plan. The General Assembly may approve or
332 modify the modified revised plan by a majority vote of each house and
333 may reject the modified revised plan by a majority vote of either

334 house. If either house fails to act during such thirty-day period, the
335 modified revised plan shall be deemed rejected. If the modified revised
336 plan is rejected by the General Assembly, the revised plan shall be
337 deemed approved. If the modified revised plan is approved, such
338 approved plan, with modifications made by the General Assembly, if
339 any, shall be transmitted to the Governor for approval or rejection. The
340 Governor shall, not later than five days after receipt of such approved
341 modified revised plan, accept or reject such plan. If the Governor
342 rejects the modified revised plan as approved or modified by the
343 General Assembly, the General Assembly may reconsider the modified
344 revised plan in the same manner as a vetoed bill.

345 Sec. 8. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The sum of \$4,000,000 is
346 appropriated from the funds credited to the General Fund for the fiscal
347 year ending June 30, 2009, pursuant to subsection (a) of section 1 of this
348 act to the Office of Policy and Management, for the fiscal year ending
349 June 30, 2009, for the purpose of providing home heating assistance to
350 state residents aged sixty-five and older, with income equal to or less
351 than one hundred per cent of the applicable state median household
352 income, who are unable to make timely payments on deliverable fuel,
353 electricity or natural gas bills. The Office of Policy and Management
354 shall determine eligibility requirements for such assistance and may
355 spend up to \$500,000 of the amount appropriated pursuant to this
356 section to identify eligible residents and notify eligible residents that
357 assistance is available. The Office of Policy and Management shall pay
358 home heating energy assistance provided pursuant to this section
359 directly to fuel vendors, municipal utilities furnishing electricity or
360 natural gas or electric or natural gas companies, as defined in section
361 16-1 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, as amended by
362 section 1 of public act 08-77 and section 4 of public act 08-185. For
363 purposes of this section, "state median household income" shall be
364 determined by using the most recent state median income figures
365 published by the Department of Social Services.

366 (b) (1) On or after October 15, 2008, but not later than November 30,

367 2008, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall
368 submit a plan to the speaker of the House of Representatives and the
369 president pro tempore of the Senate recommending allocations of
370 funds appropriated under subsection (a) of this section to provide the
371 assistance permitted under said subsection. Such plan may allocate a
372 portion of the appropriated funds to be used for administrative
373 expenses. Not later than five days after receipt of such plan, the
374 speaker and the president pro tempore shall submit the plan to the
375 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
376 of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies
377 and to the joint standing committee or committees of the General
378 Assembly having cognizance of the subject matter relating to such
379 recommended allocations, as determined by the speaker and the
380 president pro tempore. Not later than thirty days after receipt of the
381 plan, the committee having cognizance of matters relating to
382 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, in concurrence with
383 the committee or committees of cognizance, shall advise the secretary
384 and Governor of their approval or modifications, if any, of such plan.
385 If the joint standing committees do not concur, the committee
386 chairpersons shall appoint a committee on conference which shall be
387 comprised of three members from each joint standing committee. At
388 least one member appointed from each committee shall be a member
389 of the minority party. The report of the committee on conference shall
390 be made to each committee, which shall vote to accept or reject the
391 report. The report of the committee on conference may not be
392 amended. If a joint standing committee rejects the report of the
393 committee on conference, the plan shall be deemed approved. If the
394 joint standing committees accept the report, the committee having
395 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of
396 state agencies shall advise the secretary and Governor of their
397 approval of the report. If the committees do not act during such thirty-
398 day period, the plan shall be deemed approved.

399 (2) If the joint standing committees modify the plan, the Governor

400 shall, not later than five days after receipt of notification of such
401 modification, accept or reject such modification. If the Governor rejects
402 such modification, the Governor shall notify the secretary of the
403 rejection and the secretary shall, not later than five days after such
404 notification, submit a revised plan to the speaker of the House of
405 Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate. Not later
406 than five days after receipt of the revised plan, the speaker and the
407 president pro tempore shall submit the revised plan to the joint
408 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
409 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies
410 and to the joint standing committee or committees of the General
411 Assembly having cognizance of the subject matter relating to such
412 recommended allocations, as determined by the speaker and the
413 president pro tempore. Not later than fifteen days after receipt of the
414 revised plan, the committee having cognizance of matters relating to
415 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, in concurrence with
416 the committee or committees of cognizance, shall advise the secretary
417 and Governor of their approval or modifications, if any, of the revised
418 plan. If the joint standing committees do not concur, the committee
419 chairpersons shall appoint a committee on conference which shall be
420 comprised of three members from each joint standing committee. At
421 least one member appointed from each committee shall be a member
422 of the minority party. The report of the committee on conference shall
423 be made to each committee, which shall vote to accept or reject the
424 report. The report of the committee on conference may not be
425 amended. If a joint standing committee rejects the report of the
426 committee on conference, the revised plan shall be deemed approved.
427 If the joint standing committees accept the report, the committee
428 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the
429 budgets of state agencies shall advise the secretary and Governor of
430 their approval of the report. If the committees do not act during such
431 fifteen-day period, the revised plan shall be deemed approved.

432 (3) If the joint standing committees modify the revised plan, the

433 Governor shall, not later than five days after receipt of notification of
434 such modification, accept or reject such modified revised plan. If the
435 Governor rejects such modified revised plan, the modified revised
436 plan shall immediately be submitted to the clerks of the House of
437 Representatives and the Senate. The General Assembly may, not later
438 than thirty days after receipt of the modified revised plan, approve,
439 reject or modify such plan. The General Assembly may approve or
440 modify the modified revised plan by a majority vote of each house and
441 may reject the modified revised plan by a majority vote of either
442 house. If either house fails to act during such thirty-day period, the
443 modified revised plan shall be deemed rejected. If the modified revised
444 plan is rejected by the General Assembly, the revised plan shall be
445 deemed approved. If the modified revised plan is approved, such
446 approved plan, with modifications made by the General Assembly, if
447 any, shall be transmitted to the Governor for approval or rejection. The
448 Governor shall, not later than five days after receipt of such approved
449 modified revised plan, accept or reject such plan. If the Governor
450 rejects the modified revised plan as approved or modified by the
451 General Assembly, the General Assembly may reconsider the modified
452 revised plan in the same manner as a vetoed bill.

453 Sec. 9. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of \$500,000 is appropriated
454 from the funds credited to the General Fund for the fiscal year ending
455 June 30, 2009, pursuant to subsection (a) of section 1 of this act to the
456 Office of Policy and Management for the fiscal year ending June 30,
457 2009, for the purpose of providing a grant to Operation Fuel,
458 Incorporated, for operating expenses incurred for administration of the
459 programs established pursuant to sections 5 and 6 of this act.

460 Sec. 10. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The sum of \$3,500,000 is
461 appropriated from the funds credited to the General Fund for the fiscal
462 year ending June 30, 2009, pursuant to subsection (a) of section 1 of this
463 act to the Office of Policy and Management, for the fiscal year ending
464 June 30, 2009, for the purpose of providing heating assistance grants to
465 nonprofit organizations that are human service or public health

466 providers, such as providers of adult day care, residential services to
467 homeless persons and services to victims of domestic violence,
468 including organizations that provide such services to the state through
469 purchase of service or fee for service contracts. The Secretary of the
470 Office of Policy and Management shall determine eligibility
471 requirements for such assistance, develop criteria to determine the
472 amount of the grant that an organization may receive and establish an
473 application procedure. Said secretary may consult with the
474 Commissioners of Social Services, Developmental Services, Mental
475 Health and Addiction Services, Public Health, Correction and Children
476 and Families, the Chief Court Administrator and the executive director
477 of the Children's Trust Fund for purposes of coordinating payment of
478 such grants. Funds appropriated to the Office of Policy and
479 Management pursuant to this section may be transferred by the
480 secretary to the Departments of Social Services, Developmental
481 Services, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Public Health,
482 Correction and Children and Families, the Judicial Department and the
483 Children's Trust Fund Council for payment of such grants.
484 Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or the
485 regulations of Connecticut state agencies, no grant awarded pursuant
486 to this section shall affect any calculation of rates or fees paid to the
487 organization receiving the grant or otherwise affect any contract with
488 the state for provision of services.

489 (b) (1) On or after October 15, 2008, but not later than November 30,
490 2008, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall
491 submit a plan to the speaker of the House of Representatives and the
492 president pro tempore of the Senate recommending allocations of
493 funds appropriated under subsection (a) of this section to provide the
494 assistance permitted under said subsection. Such plan may allocate a
495 portion of the appropriated funds to be used for administrative
496 expenses. Not later than five days after receipt of such plan, the
497 speaker and the president pro tempore shall submit the plan to the
498 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance

499 of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies
500 and to the joint standing committee or committees of the General
501 Assembly having cognizance of the subject matter relating to such
502 recommended allocations, as determined by the speaker and the
503 president pro tempore. Not later than thirty days after receipt of the
504 plan, the committee having cognizance of matters relating to
505 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, in concurrence with
506 the committee or committees of cognizance, shall advise the secretary
507 and Governor of their approval or modifications, if any, of such plan.
508 If the joint standing committees do not concur, the committee
509 chairpersons shall appoint a committee on conference which shall be
510 comprised of three members from each joint standing committee. At
511 least one member appointed from each committee shall be a member
512 of the minority party. The report of the committee on conference shall
513 be made to each committee, which shall vote to accept or reject the
514 report. The report of the committee on conference may not be
515 amended. If a joint standing committee rejects the report of the
516 committee on conference, the plan shall be deemed approved. If the
517 joint standing committees accept the report, the committee having
518 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of
519 state agencies shall advise the secretary and Governor of their
520 approval of the report. If the committees do not act during such thirty-
521 day period, the plan shall be deemed approved.

522 (2) If the joint standing committees modify the plan, the Governor
523 shall, not later than five days after receipt of notification of such
524 modification, accept or reject such modification. If the Governor rejects
525 such modification, the Governor shall notify the secretary of the
526 rejection and the secretary shall, not later than five days after such
527 notification, submit a revised plan to the speaker of the House of
528 Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate. Not later
529 than five days after receipt of the revised plan, the speaker and the
530 president pro tempore shall submit the revised plan to the joint
531 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of

532 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies
533 and to the joint standing committee or committees of the General
534 Assembly having cognizance of the subject matter relating to such
535 recommended allocations, as determined by the speaker and the
536 president pro tempore. Not later than fifteen days after receipt of the
537 revised plan, the committee having cognizance of matters relating to
538 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, in concurrence with
539 the committee or committees of cognizance, shall advise the secretary
540 and Governor of their approval or modifications, if any, of the revised
541 plan. If the joint standing committees do not concur, the committee
542 chairpersons shall appoint a committee on conference which shall be
543 comprised of three members from each joint standing committee. At
544 least one member appointed from each committee shall be a member
545 of the minority party. The report of the committee on conference shall
546 be made to each committee, which shall vote to accept or reject the
547 report. The report of the committee on conference may not be
548 amended. If a joint standing committee rejects the report of the
549 committee on conference, the revised plan shall be deemed approved.
550 If the joint standing committees accept the report, the committee
551 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the
552 budgets of state agencies shall advise the secretary and Governor of
553 their approval of the report. If the committees do not act during such
554 fifteen-day period, the revised plan shall be deemed approved.

555 (3) If the joint standing committees modify the revised plan, the
556 Governor shall, not later than five days after receipt of notification of
557 such modification, accept or reject such modified revised plan. If the
558 Governor rejects such modified revised plan, the modified revised
559 plan shall immediately be submitted to the clerks of the House of
560 Representatives and the Senate. The General Assembly may, not later
561 than thirty days after receipt of the modified revised plan, approve,
562 reject or modify such plan. The General Assembly may approve or
563 modify the modified revised plan by a majority vote of each house and
564 may reject the modified revised plan by a majority vote of either

565 house. If either house fails to act during such thirty-day period, the
 566 modified revised plan shall be deemed rejected. If the modified revised
 567 plan is rejected by the General Assembly, the revised plan shall be
 568 deemed approved. If the modified revised plan is approved, such
 569 approved plan, with modifications made by the General Assembly, if
 570 any, shall be transmitted to the Governor for approval or rejection. The
 571 Governor shall, not later than five days after receipt of such approved
 572 modified revised plan, accept or reject such plan. If the Governor
 573 rejects the modified revised plan as approved or modified by the
 574 General Assembly, the General Assembly may reconsider the modified
 575 revised plan in the same manner as a vetoed bill.

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-23n
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	16a-46e
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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