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"AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY ASSISTANCE."

1 Strike section 7 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

2 "Sec. 7. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of \$15,000,000 is
3 appropriated from the funds credited to the General Fund for the fiscal
4 year ending June 30, 2009, pursuant to subsection (a) of section 1 of this
5 act to the Office of Policy and Management, for the fiscal year ending
6 June 30, 2009, for the purpose of expanding Operation Fuel,
7 Incorporated, to provide emergency home heating assistance from
8 November 1, 2008, to April 30, 2009, inclusive, to households within
9 the state with income equal to or greater than two hundred per cent of
10 the applicable federal poverty level, but equal to or less than one
11 hundred per cent of the applicable state median household income,
12 that are unable to make timely payments on deliverable fuel, electricity
13 or natural gas bills. Operation Fuel, Incorporated, shall pay emergency
14 home heating assistance provided pursuant to this section directly to
15 fuel vendors, municipal utilities furnishing electricity or natural gas or

16 electric or natural gas companies, as defined in section 16-1 of the 2008
17 supplement to the general statutes, as amended by section 1 of public
18 act 08-77 and section 4 of public act 08-185. For purposes of this
19 section, "state median household income" shall be determined by using
20 the most recent state median income figures published by the
21 Department of Social Services."

22 Strike subsection (a) of section 16 in its entirety and insert the
23 following in lieu thereof:

24 "Sec. 16. (*Effective from passage*) (a) After appropriations have been
25 made pursuant to sections 6 to 13, inclusive, 15, and 501 to 505,
26 inclusive, of this act from the funds credited to the General Fund for
27 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, pursuant to subsection (a) of
28 section 1 of this act, the remainder of such funds shall be appropriated
29 to the Office of Policy and Management, for the fiscal year ending June
30 30, 2009, provided no more than \$7,000,000 shall be appropriated to the
31 Office of Policy and Management. Such appropriated funds shall be
32 deposited in an energy contingency account, which shall be
33 established for such purpose. Funds in the account may be used to
34 provide emergency home heating assistance to state residents, with
35 consideration given to households with preexisting all electric heating,
36 and to supplement federal funding for the Connecticut energy
37 assistance program. Any funds remaining in the energy contingency
38 account on June 30, 2009, shall not lapse, but shall be available for
39 expenditure during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010."

40 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
41 internal references accordingly:

42 "Sec. 501. Subparagraph (D) of subdivision (3) of section 12-412 of
43 the 2008 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the
44 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage, and*
45 *applicable to sales occurring on or after September 1, 2008*):

46 (D) The sale or furnishing of electricity, not subject to the exemption
47 under subparagraph (A) of this subsection, with respect to that portion

48 of the charges applicable to such electricity for any month of service
49 which is not in excess of [one hundred fifty] five hundred dollars.

50 Sec. 502. (*Effective from passage*) On or before November 1, 2008,
51 Operation Fuel, Incorporated, shall establish a one-time clean-slate
52 program to target low-income persons with high utility bill arrearages.
53 The program shall provide a one-time grant based on a person's
54 income and arrearage amount. For purposes of the program, only
55 arrearages of twenty-four months or less shall be considered. Grants
56 shall not exceed one thousand dollars. The program shall include case
57 management services, including, but not limited to, budget counseling
58 and assistance with utility payment programs. The program shall
59 terminate on October 31, 2009.

60 Sec. 503. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of \$3,000,000 is
61 appropriated from the funds credited to the General Fund for the fiscal
62 year ending June 30, 2009, pursuant to subsection (a) of section 1 of this
63 act to the Office of Policy and Management, for the fiscal year ending
64 June 30, 2009, for the purpose of implementing the clean-slate program
65 pursuant to section 502 of this act.

66 Sec. 504. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of \$5,000,000 is
67 appropriated from the funds credited to the General Fund pursuant to
68 section 1 of this act, to the Department of Public Utility Control, for the
69 fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. The department shall allocate such
70 funds to the Energy Conservation and Loan Management Funds for
71 the provision of conservation services to residential and small business
72 customers.

73 Sec. 505. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established an account to
74 be known as the "victims of home heating oil company closure
75 account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the
76 General Fund. Moneys in the account shall be expended by the Office
77 of Policy and Management for the purposes of reimbursing customers
78 of any home heating oil company, who had paid for oil that had not
79 yet been delivered when such company closed for business. The

80 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall develop criteria
81 for determining eligibility for such reimbursement, which shall include
82 a deduction from such reimbursement for any amounts previously
83 repaid to such customers.

84 (b) The sum of \$3,500,000 is appropriated from the funds credited to
85 the General Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, pursuant to
86 subsection (a) of section 1 of this act to the Office of Policy and
87 Management, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, to be deposited
88 into the victims of home heating oil company closure account
89 established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section."