



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 482**

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1135

*Senate, April 6, 2009*

The Committee on Energy and Technology reported through SEN. FONFARA, J. of the 1st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY EFFICIENCY INVESTMENTS IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Public  
2 Utility Control shall require the Energy Conservation Management  
3 Board, the Renewable Energy Investments Board and electric  
4 distribution companies to establish a program for energy conservation  
5 and load management projects specifically in underserved  
6 communities. Such program shall provide funding at a level  
7 equivalent to three per cent of the total moneys collected for the  
8 Energy Conservation and Load Management Fund pursuant to section  
9 16-245m of the general statutes, which funding shall be derived (1)  
10 initially from the Energy Conservation and Load Management and  
11 Renewable Energy Investment Funds; and (2) from funds made  
12 available to the state for such purposes from the federal American  
13 Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Said program shall include a  
14 job training component for existing or potential minority business

15 enterprises, as defined in section 4a-60g of the general statutes. For the  
 16 purposes of this section, "underserved communities" means  
 17 municipalities meeting the criteria set forth in subsection (a) of section  
 18 32-70 of the general statutes. The department shall report, in  
 19 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,  
 20 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
 21 cognizance of matters relating to energy on or before February 1, 2010,  
 22 and annually thereafter, regarding the program established pursuant  
 23 to this section.

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

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

The name of the Renewable Energy Investment Fund was corrected in subdivision (1) and "municipality" was made plural in the last sentence for consistency with the term "underserved communities".

**ET**            *Joint Favorable Subst.-LCO*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 10 \$	FY 11 \$
Energy Conservation and Management Fund	Energy Efficiency Fund - See Below	See Below	See Below
Renewable Energy Investment Fund	CT Clean Energy Fund - See Below	See Below	See Below

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

This bill requires the Energy Conservation Management Board, the Renewable Energy Investments Board, and electric companies to establish a program for energy conservation and load management projects specifically in municipalities that are eligible to have enterprise zones. Funding must be provided at a level equal to 3% of the total moneys collected for the Energy Conservation and Load Management Fund, approximately \$3 million. The Energy Conservation and Load Management Fund is funded through a charge of 3 mils/kilowatt hour to all electric utility customers. Funding for the program must come initially from the Energy Conservation and Load management Fund and the Clean Energy Fund and eventually from funds made available to the state for such purpose from the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

**The Out Years**

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 1135*****AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY EFFICIENCY INVESTMENTS IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES.*****SUMMARY:**

Under this bill, the Department of Public Utility Control must require the Energy Conservation Management Board, the Renewable Energy Investments Board, and electric companies to establish a program for energy conservation and load management projects specifically in municipalities eligible to have enterprise zones. These municipalities are designated based on their poverty and unemployment rates, among other things. The program must include a job training component for existing or potential minority business enterprises (i.e., those owned or controlled by members of minority groups, women, or disabled individuals).

The program must provide for funding at a level equal to 3% of the total money collected for the Energy Conservation and Load Management Fund. This funding must be derived (1) initially from the Energy Conservation and Load Management and Clean Energy Funds (which are supported by charges on electric bills), and (2) from funds made available to the state for such purposes from the 2009 federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

The department must report to the Energy and Technology committee by February 1, 2010, and annually thereafter, on the program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 21 Nay 0 (03/19/2009)