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Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced by:
(ET)

AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY INEFFICIENT STATE BUILDINGS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section: "Municipal and state energy efficiency and improvement
3 program" means the coordinated effort among an electric distribution
4 company and municipal and state facilities that provides for the
5 development, installation and recovery of energy efficiency equipment
6 and systems at such facilities as approved by the Department of Public
7 Utility Control.

8 (b) Notwithstanding section 16-245m of the general statutes, to
9 facilitate the promotion of energy efficiency and other improved
10 energy end uses and to lower annual energy costs at municipal and
11 state facilities, an electric distribution company, upon application to
12 the department, may offer a municipal and state energy efficiency and
13 improvement program to its municipal and state customers to improve
14 the energy usage profile of such facilities to maximize potential
15 conservation and energy efficiency opportunities. As part of such
16 program, the electric distribution companies may contract with a

17 Connecticut electric efficiency partner, as defined in section 16-243v.
18 Such program shall establish arrangements between an electric
19 distribution company and such facility that provides for savings for
20 such facility in energy costs and repayment of the entire cost of the
21 program through a customer-specific facilities charge, provided any
22 arrangement shall be funded up to one hundred per cent by the
23 electric distribution company. The department shall approve an
24 application for a program within sixty days of its submittal. The
25 provisions of section 16-43 of the general statutes shall not apply to
26 this program.

27 (c) The municipal and state energy efficiency and improvement
28 program shall include, but not be limited to, development and
29 installation of energy efficiency measures and equipment, fuel cells,
30 thermal storage, high efficiency boilers and burners, controls and
31 monitoring equipments, renewable or emergency generation, and
32 combined heat and power systems. An electric distribution company
33 shall use local contractors, service companies and installers to assist in
34 the development and installation of technologies at such facilities to
35 the extent practical and economic.

36 (d) Arrangements between a municipal or state facility and an
37 electric distribution company shall provide for payments from such
38 facility based on a formula to calculate monthly charges that provides
39 for full recovery of any incurred costs, including a return on
40 investment, based on cost-of-service principles pursuant to section 16-
41 19e of the general statutes, provided the department shall approve
42 such formula after a hearing held in a proceeding or proceedings
43 separate from other distribution rate proceedings. Once approved,
44 such formula and facility-specific charges may be adopted and
45 included in each arrangement. Monthly charges may be designed in a
46 manner that provides for levelized repayment. Such projects shall be
47 eligible for any state or federal incentives, grants or credits, including,
48 but not limited to, those available under programs administered by the
49 Renewable Energy Investment Board, and any proceeds realized from

50 such sources shall be used to offset costs for such facility. Monthly
51 charges may be included in such facility's electric bills or charged
52 separately.

53 (e) Arrangements between an electric distribution company and a
54 municipal or state facility may not exceed ten years, provided, if
55 approved by the department or if the arrangement includes the
56 installation of renewable, emergency or combined heat and power
57 generation, such arrangement may be for up to twenty years.

58 (f) An electric distribution company may fund the municipal and
59 state energy efficiency program annually at a level up to one per cent
60 of its total annual revenues for the last calendar year as reported to the
61 department. An electric distribution company shall determine the level
62 of annual funding for such program.

63 (g) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes,
64 municipal and state facilities may negotiate and enter into
65 arrangements with an electric distribution company in which service
66 territory such facility resides if such arrangements are pursuant to a
67 municipal and state energy efficiency and improvement program
68 developed pursuant to this act and approved by the department.

69 (h) Commencing in June 2011, and annually thereafter, an electric
70 distribution company providing services under a municipal and state
71 facility energy efficiency and improvement program shall provide a
72 report to the department and the joint standing committee of the
73 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy on
74 the costs and savings associated with such program. Any incremental
75 costs associated with such monitoring and reports shall be recovered
76 through the systems benefits charge.

77 (i) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, a state
78 agency responsible for the energy costs of a facility participating in the
79 program shall be eligible for retaining twenty-five per cent of the net
80 savings over the first three years of the project for such agency's

- 81 operating budget and such retention shall not be factored into state
82 budgeting process for such agency.

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

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a program to rapid identification and deployment of energy efficiency and clean technologies at state and municipal buildings.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]