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**"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC POWER AUTHORITY."**

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1      In line 92, after "sold" insert "through the electric distribution  
2      companies or the Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative"

3      In line 94, after "return" insert ", as determined by the Department of  
4      Public Utility Control"

5      In line 95, strike "and consumers"

6      In line 110, after "Control" insert ", in consultation with the electric  
7      distribution companies,"

8      In line 111, after "are" insert "consistent with the principles of section  
9      16-19e of the general statutes and"

10     Strike section 7 in its entirety and renumber remaining sections and  
11     internal references accordingly

12     In sections 9 to 14, inclusive, change the effective date from "October  
13     1, 2009" to "October 1, 2010"

14 Strike lines 495 to 499, inclusive, and insert in lieu thereof "the State  
15 Bond Commission established pursuant to section 3-20 of the general  
16 statutes, the authority may borrow money and issue bonds and notes  
17 from time to time and use the proceeds thereof for the purposes of  
18 implementing the provisions of the comprehensive plan approved  
19 pursuant to section 16a-3a of the general statutes."

20 In line 500, strike "this act."

21 In line 531, strike "Treasurer or the Deputy Treasurer" and insert in  
22 lieu thereof "State Bond Commission established pursuant to section 3-  
23 20"

24 In line 532, strike "appointed pursuant to section 3-12"

25 In line 939, bracket "department" and after the closing bracket insert  
26 "authority"

27 In line 940, bracket "electric distribution company and the third-  
28 party" and after the closing bracket insert "authority"

29 Strike section 16 in its entirety and renumber the remaining sections  
30 and internal references accordingly

31 In line 996, strike "shall, in concurrence with the chairperson of the"

32 Strike lines 997 to 1003, inclusive, in their entirety

33 In line 1004, strike "statutes; (5)"

34 In line 1006, strike "(6)" and insert in lieu thereof "(5)"

35 In line 1013, strike "Subject to the provisions of chapter 67 of the  
36 general statutes"

37 In line 1014, strike "and within" and insert in lieu thereof "Within"

38 In line 1017, strike "department" and insert in lieu thereof  
39 "authority"

40 Strike sections 21, 24, 25, 27, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 36 in their entirety  
41 and renumber remaining sections and internal references accordingly

42 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
43 internal references accordingly:

44 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2009*) (a) The Department of Public  
45 Utility Control shall appoint and convene an Energy Conservation  
46 Management Board, which shall be within the department for  
47 administrative purposes only and shall include: (1) A representative of  
48 an environmental group knowledgeable in energy conservation  
49 programs; (2) the Consumer Counsel or the Consumer Counsel's  
50 designee; (3) the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee;  
51 (4) the Commissioner of Environmental Protection or the  
52 commissioner's designee; (5) the Commissioner of Social Services or  
53 the commissioner's designee; (6) a representative of a state-wide  
54 manufacturing association; (7) a representative of a chamber of  
55 commerce; (8) a representative of a state-wide business association; (9)  
56 a representative of a state-wide retail organization; (10) a  
57 representative of a municipal electric energy cooperative created  
58 pursuant to chapter 101a of the general statutes; (11) two  
59 representatives, one each selected by the electric distribution  
60 companies in this state; (12) two representatives selected by the gas  
61 companies, as defined in section 16-1 of the general statutes, in this  
62 state; (13) a representative of residential customers; (14) a fuel oil  
63 dealer selected by the Independent Connecticut Petroleum  
64 Association; (15) a Connecticut propane dealer selected by the Propane  
65 Gas Association of New England; and (16) a representative of the  
66 Renewable Energy Investment Fund selected by such fund. The  
67 members of the Energy Conservation Management Board on June 30,  
68 2009, shall continue to serve on the board established pursuant to this  
69 section until the expiration of their current term. Members shall serve  
70 for a period of five years and may be reappointed. Representatives of  
71 the gas companies, electric distribution companies, municipal electric  
72 energy cooperative, fuel oil dealers, propane dealers and the  
73 Renewable Energy Investment Fund shall not vote on matters

74 unrelated to their industry.

75 (b) The Energy Conservation Management Board shall:

76 (1) Advise the municipal electric energy cooperatives regarding  
77 programs developed pursuant to section 503 of this act and section 7-  
78 233y of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

79 (2) Advise the natural gas utilities regarding programs developed  
80 pursuant to section 503 of this act and section 16-32f of the general  
81 statutes, as amended by this act;

82 (3) Advise the electric distribution companies regarding programs  
83 developed pursuant to section 503 of this act and section 16-245m of  
84 the general statutes, as amended by this act;

85 (4) Collaborate with the Department of Social Services regarding  
86 coordination of energy and weatherization assistance administered or  
87 funded by said department with conservation assistance available  
88 under the plan developed pursuant to section 503 of this act and  
89 sections 7-233y, 16-32f and 16-245m of the general statutes, as  
90 amended by this act;

91 (5) Collaborate, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (d)  
92 of this section, with the Renewable Energy Investment Fund to  
93 examine opportunities to coordinate with the programs and activities  
94 funded by said fund pursuant to section 16-245n of the general  
95 statutes, as amended by this act, and with programs and activities  
96 developed pursuant to section 503 of this act and sections 7-233y, 16-  
97 32f and 16-245m of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

98 (6) Oversee the administrator retained pursuant to subsection (c) of  
99 this section and the development and implementation of conservation  
100 assistance regarding deliverable fuels pursuant to section 503 of this  
101 act;

102 (7) Facilitate, to the extent practicable, the coordination and  
103 integration of energy, conservation and renewable resources programs

104 to simplify consumer access to integrated services of all available  
105 resources, minimize expenses in the administration of each program  
106 and reduce environmental impacts and security risks of energy in this  
107 state;

108 (8) Conduct an annual public hearing regarding conservation plans  
109 and the implementation of such plans. All public comments shall be  
110 summarized for the purposes of consideration in the board's  
111 deliberations on future conservation plans;

112 (9) Retain and direct expert consultants regarding the board's duties  
113 pursuant to section 503 of this act and sections 16-32f and 16-245m of  
114 the general statutes, as amended by this act;

115 (10) Evaluate programs contained in the comprehensive  
116 conservation plan and pursuant to sections 16-32f and 16-245m of the  
117 general statutes, as amended by this act; and

118 (11) Consolidate annual reports to the joint standing committees of  
119 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy,  
120 the environment and commerce, documenting conservation and  
121 renewable resources program operations, pursuant to section 504 of  
122 this act and sections 7-233y, 16-32f, 16-245m and 16-245n of the general  
123 statutes, as amended by this act.

124 (c) On or before January 1, 2010, to the extent funding is available,  
125 after issuing a request for proposals, the Energy Conservation  
126 Management Board shall select an administrator qualified to develop a  
127 conservation plan for deliverable fuel and to administer and  
128 implement conservation and energy efficiency programs for  
129 deliverable fuel customers. The board may enter into a contract with  
130 the administrator for a period not to exceed three years. The costs for  
131 such administrator shall be paid from the fuel oil conservation account  
132 established pursuant to section 502 of this act or any other funds as  
133 may become available for this purpose.

134 (d) There shall be a joint committee of the Energy Conservation

135 Management Board and the Renewable Energy Investments Board.  
136 Each board shall appoint members to such joint committee. The joint  
137 committee shall examine opportunities to coordinate the programs and  
138 activities funded by the Renewable Energy Investment Fund pursuant  
139 to section 16-245n of the general statutes, as amended by this act, with  
140 the programs and activities contained in the comprehensive  
141 conservation plan to reduce the long-term cost, environmental impacts  
142 and security risks of energy in the state.

143 (e) As used in this section, sections 502 and 503 of this act and  
144 section 16a-41a of the general statutes, as amended by this act,  
145 "deliverable fuel" includes fuel oil, propane, wood, coal and kerosene  
146 used for space heating or to heat hot water, and as used in this section  
147 "fuel oil" means the product designated by the American Society for  
148 Testing and Materials as "Specifications for Heating Oil D396-69",  
149 commonly known as number 2 heating oil, and grade number 4, grade  
150 number 5 and grade number 6 fuel oil, provided such heating and fuel  
151 oils are used for purposes other than generating power to propel  
152 motor vehicles or for generating electricity.

153 Sec. 502. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2009*) (a) There is established within  
154 the Energy Conservation Fund established pursuant to subsection (b)  
155 of section 16-245m of the general statutes, as amended by this act, a  
156 natural gas subaccount. The Energy Conservation and Management  
157 Board may receive any amount required by law to be deposited into  
158 the subaccount and may receive any federal or other funds as may  
159 become available for conservation and load management and  
160 renewable resources. Any balance remaining in such subaccount at the  
161 end of any fiscal year shall be carried forward in the fiscal year next  
162 succeeding. Disbursement from such subaccount shall be as authorized  
163 pursuant to the comprehensive conservation plan approved by the  
164 Department of Public Utility Control.

165 (b) There is established a fuel oil conservation account, which shall  
166 be a separate, nonlapsing account within the restricted grant fund and  
167 shall be funded by annual revenue from the tax imposed by section 12-

168 587 of the general statutes on the sale of petroleum products gross  
169 earnings that is in excess of said revenue collected during fiscal year  
170 2006, provided the amount of such revenue that shall be allocated to  
171 said account in the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2009, shall not  
172 exceed five million dollars. Such amount shall be used for deliverable  
173 fuel programs contained in the comprehensive conservation plan for  
174 deliverable fuel allocations of joint programs and such administrative  
175 expenses as provided in such plan. The Energy Conservation  
176 Management Board shall notify the State Comptroller of an approved  
177 amount to be drawn from such account for the purposes of this act.  
178 Not later than two business days following notification by the board,  
179 the State Comptroller shall draw an order on the State Treasurer for  
180 payment of any such requested amount from the fund.

181 (c) Each fiscal year, an amount equal to the annual revenue from the  
182 tax imposed by section 12-264 of the general statutes on the gross  
183 receipts of sales of all public services companies that is in excess of the  
184 revenue estimate for said tax that is approved by the General  
185 Assembly in the appropriations act for that fiscal year shall be  
186 deposited by the Comptroller in the natural gas subaccount, provided  
187 the amount of such excess revenue shall not exceed ten million dollars.  
188 Such amount shall be used for natural gas programs contained in the  
189 comprehensive conservation plan, natural gas allocations of joint  
190 programs and such administrative expenses as provided in such plan.

191 Sec. 503. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2009*) (a) On October 1, 2009, and  
192 annually thereafter, (1) the deliverable fuels administrator regarding  
193 deliverable fuels; (2) the natural gas companies regarding natural gas;  
194 and (3) the electric distribution companies regarding electricity shall  
195 submit their recommendations for energy conservation to the  
196 Department of Public Utility Control, which shall include plans to  
197 integrate and coordinate conservation and renewable energy resources  
198 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section. Upon receipt of the  
199 recommendations, the department, in an uncontested proceeding, shall  
200 hold a public hearing and, after such hearing, approve, modify or  
201 reject the recommendations and consolidate the approved or modified

202 recommendations into a comprehensive conservation plan.

203 (b) Not less than sixty days before the submission of such  
204 recommendations, the deliverable fuels administrator, the gas  
205 companies and the electric distribution companies shall submit the  
206 recommendations to the Energy Conservation Management Board for  
207 review and comment. In its review of these recommendations, the  
208 board shall examine opportunities to offer integrated efficiency and  
209 renewable programs that save more than one fuel resource, or  
210 otherwise coordinate programs targeted at saving more than one fuel  
211 resource to ensure available conservation and renewable resources are  
212 integrated, to the extent practicable, to simplify consumer access to  
213 integrated services of all available resources, to minimize expenses in  
214 the administration of each program and to reduce environmental  
215 impacts and security risks of energy in the state. The board shall  
216 consult with the Connecticut Electric Authority regarding electricity  
217 programs to ensure that such programs are consistent with the goals of  
218 the integrated resource plan approved pursuant to section 16a-3a of  
219 the general statutes. Each program contained in the plan shall be  
220 reviewed by the electric distribution company and either accepted or  
221 rejected by the Energy Conservation Management Board prior to  
222 submission to the department for approval.

223 (c) The comprehensive conservation plan approved by the  
224 department shall contain specific goals for reducing energy use in this  
225 state that are consistent with the integrated resource plan approved  
226 pursuant to section 16a-3a of the general statutes and shall contain a  
227 description of each program that is proposed to meet such goals, the  
228 amount of funds in the Energy Conservation and Load Management  
229 Fund established pursuant to subsection (b) of section 16-245m of the  
230 general statutes, as amended by this act, and, if applicable, other  
231 sources to be used for each program and an estimate of the systemic  
232 savings that will be achieved if such goals are met. Programs included  
233 in the plan shall be reviewed using cost-effectiveness testing that  
234 compares the value and payback period of program benefits to  
235 program costs to ensure that the programs contained in the

236 comprehensive conservation plan will reduce customer bills for energy  
237 and obtain energy savings and system benefits, including mitigation of  
238 federally mandated congestion charges. The value of the program  
239 benefits shall be greater than the costs of the program. Any costs for  
240 joint programs shall be allocated equitably among the conservation  
241 programs. The plan shall give preference to electric efficiency and load  
242 management projects funded pursuant to section 16-245m of the  
243 general statutes, as amended by this act, that maximize the reduction  
244 of federally mandated congestion charges. The plan shall also provide  
245 for reimbursement for services provided by the deliverable fuels  
246 administrator and disbursements from the Energy Conservation and  
247 Load Management Fund established pursuant to section 16-245m of  
248 the general statutes, as amended by this act, to develop and carry out  
249 the comprehensive conservation plan, including the retention of expert  
250 consultants and the board's reasonable administrative costs. No  
251 consultant shall be employed by, or have any contractual relationship  
252 with, an electric distribution company, gas company or deliverable  
253 fuel company or the administrator. Such board consultants and the  
254 board's administrative costs shall not exceed five per cent of the total  
255 cost of the plan. Program cost-effectiveness shall be reviewed annually,  
256 or otherwise as is practicable. If a program is determined to fail the  
257 cost-effectiveness test as part of the review process, it shall be modified  
258 to meet the test or terminated.

259 (d) Programs included in the comprehensive conservation plan may  
260 include, but not be limited to: (1) Conservation programs, including  
261 programs that benefit low-income persons; (2) commercialization of  
262 products or processes that are more energy-efficient than those  
263 generally available; (3) development of markets for such products and  
264 processes; (4) support for energy use assessment, real-time monitoring  
265 systems, engineering studies and services related to new construction  
266 or major building renovations; (5) program planning and evaluation;  
267 (6) joint fuel conservation initiatives and programs targeted at saving  
268 more than one fuel resource; (7) promotion of practices to optimize  
269 efficiency; (8) assistance in meeting state climate change and

270 environmental and public health goals; (9) promotion of sustainable  
271 economic development and employment; (10) public education  
272 regarding conservation; and (11) demand-side technology programs  
273 recommended by the procurement plan approved by the Department  
274 of Public Utility Control pursuant to section 16a-3a of the general  
275 statutes. Support may be by direct funding, manufacturers' rebates,  
276 sale price and loan subsidies, leases and promotional and educational  
277 activities.

278       Sec. 504. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2009*) On or before March 1, 2010,  
279 and annually thereafter, the Energy Conservation and Management  
280 Board shall provide a consolidated report documenting conservation  
281 and renewable resource program operation and activities developed  
282 pursuant to section 503 of this act and sections 7-233y, 16-32f, 16-245m  
283 and 16-245n of the general statutes, as amended by this act, in  
284 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,  
285 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
286 cognizance of matters relating to energy, the environment and  
287 commerce. The report shall document: (1) Expenditures and funding  
288 for such programs; (2) program integration, including the extent to and  
289 manner in which such board collaborated and cooperated with  
290 municipal electric energy cooperative programs established pursuant  
291 to section 7-233y of the general statutes, as amended by this act, the  
292 Department of Social Services programs, and the joint or collaborative  
293 activities with the Renewable Energy Investment Fund established  
294 pursuant to section 16-245n of the general statutes, as amended by this  
295 act; (3) evaluation of the cost-effectiveness of conservation programs  
296 and activities conducted in the preceding year, including any increased  
297 cost-effectiveness, including reduced administrative expenses,  
298 achieved by offering programs that save more than one fuel resource  
299 and integrating programs; (4) the extent to which plan goals and  
300 systemic savings were achieved for reducing energy use in the state;  
301 and (5) in detail, the activities of the Renewable Energy Investment  
302 Fund. Any costs for the consolidated annual reports shall be allocated  
303 equitably among the entities with responsibility for such reports.

304 Sec. 505. Section 7-233y of the general statutes is repealed and the  
305 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

306 (a) Each municipal electric utility created pursuant to chapter 101 or  
307 by special act shall, for investment in renewable energy sources and  
308 for conservation and load management programs pursuant to this  
309 section, accrue from each kilowatt hour of its metered firm electric  
310 retail sales, exclusive of such sales to United States government naval  
311 facilities in this state, no less than the following amounts during the  
312 following periods, in a manner conforming to the requirement of this  
313 section: (1) 1.0 mills on and after January 1, 2006; (2) 1.3 mills on and  
314 after January 1, 2007; (3) 1.6 mills on and after January 1, 2008; (4) 1.9  
315 mills on and after January 1, 2009; (5) 2.2 mills on and after January 1,  
316 2010; and (6) 2.5 mills on and after January 1, 2011.

317 (b) There is hereby created a municipal energy conservation and  
318 load management fund in each municipal electric energy cooperative  
319 created pursuant to this chapter, which fund shall be a separate and  
320 dedicated fund to be held and administered by such cooperative. The  
321 fund may receive an amount required by law to be deposited into the  
322 fund and may receive any federal or other funds as may become  
323 available for conservation and load management and renewable  
324 resources. Each municipal electric utility created pursuant to chapter  
325 101 or by special act that is a member or participant in such a  
326 municipal electric energy cooperative shall accrue and deposit such  
327 amounts as specified in subsection (a) of this section into such fund.  
328 Any balance remaining in the fund at the end of any fiscal year shall be  
329 carried forward in the fiscal year next succeeding. Disbursements from  
330 the fund shall be made pursuant to the comprehensive electric  
331 conservation and load management plan prepared by the cooperative  
332 in accordance with subsection (c) of this section.

333 (c) Such cooperative shall, annually, adopt a comprehensive plan for  
334 the expenditure of such funds by the cooperative on behalf of such  
335 municipal electric utilities for the purpose of carrying out electric  
336 conservation, investments in renewable energy sources, energy

337 efficiency and electric load management programs funded by the  
338 charge accrued pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. The  
339 cooperative shall expend or cause to be expended the amounts held in  
340 such fund in conformity with the adopted plan. The plan may direct  
341 the expenditure of funds on facilities or measures located in any one or  
342 more of the service areas of the municipal electric utilities who are  
343 members or participants in such cooperative and may provide for the  
344 establishment of goals and standards for measuring the cost  
345 effectiveness of expenditures made from such fund, for the  
346 minimization of federally mandated congestion charges and for  
347 achieving appropriate geographic coverage and scope in each such  
348 service area. Such plan shall be consistent with the comprehensive  
349 plan of the Energy Conservation Management Board established under  
350 section [16-245m] 503 of this act. Such cooperative, annually, shall  
351 submit its plan to such board for review and provide documentation  
352 and information for the consolidated report prepared by the Energy  
353 and Conservation Management Board pursuant to section 504 of this  
354 act.

355 Sec. 506. Section 16-32f of the general statutes is repealed and the  
356 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

357 (a) On or before October first of each even-numbered year, a gas  
358 company, as defined in section 16-1, shall furnish a report to the  
359 Department of Public Utility Control containing a five-year forecast of  
360 loads and resources. The report shall describe the facilities and supply  
361 sources that, in the judgment of such gas company, will be required to  
362 meet gas demands during the forecast period. The report shall be  
363 made available to the public and shall be furnished to the Energy  
364 Conservation Management Board, the chief executive officer of each  
365 municipality in the service area of such gas company, the regional  
366 planning agency which encompasses each such municipality, the  
367 Attorney General, the president pro tempore of the Senate, the speaker  
368 of the House of Representatives, the joint standing [committee]  
369 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
370 relating to [public utilities] energy, the environment and commerce,

371 any other member of the General Assembly making a request to the  
372 department for the report and such other state and municipal entities  
373 as the department may designate by regulation. The report shall  
374 include: (1) A tabulation of estimated peak loads and resources for  
375 each year; (2) data on gas use and peak loads for the five preceding  
376 calendar years; (3) a list of present and projected gas supply sources;  
377 (4) specific measures to control load growth and promote conservation;  
378 and (5) such other information as the department may require by  
379 regulation. A full description of the methodology used to arrive at the  
380 forecast of loads and resources shall also be furnished to the  
381 department. The department shall hold a public hearing on such  
382 reports upon the request of any person. On or before August first of  
383 each odd-numbered year, the department may request a gas company  
384 to furnish to the department an updated report. A gas company shall  
385 furnish any such updated report not later than sixty days following the  
386 request of the department.

387 (b) [Not later than October 1, 2005, and annually thereafter] On or  
388 before October first of each year, a gas company, as defined in section  
389 16-1, shall submit to the Energy Conservation Management Board and  
390 the Department of Public Utility Control a gas conservation plan, in  
391 accordance with the provisions of [this] section [, to implement cost-  
392 effective energy conservation programs and market transformation  
393 initiatives. All supply and conservation and load management options  
394 shall be evaluated and selected within an integrated supply and  
395 demand planning framework. Such plan shall be funded during each  
396 state fiscal year by the revenue from the tax imposed by section 12-264  
397 on the gross receipts of sales of all public services companies that is in  
398 excess of the revenue estimate for said tax that is approved by the  
399 General Assembly in the appropriations act for such fiscal year,  
400 provided the amount of such excess revenue that shall be allocated to  
401 fund such plan in any state fiscal year shall not exceed ten million  
402 dollars. Before the accounts for the General Fund have been closed for  
403 each fiscal year, such excess revenue shall be deposited by the  
404 Comptroller in an account held by the Energy Conservation

405 Management Board, established pursuant to section 16-245m. Services  
406 provided under the plan shall be available to all gas company  
407 customers. Each gas company shall apply to the Energy Conservation  
408 Management Board for reimbursement for expenditures pursuant to  
409 the plan. The department shall, in an uncontested proceeding during  
410 which the department may hold a public hearing, approve, modify or  
411 reject the plan] 503 of this act.

412 [(c) (1) The Energy Conservation Management Board shall advise  
413 and assist each such gas company in the development and  
414 implementation of the plan submitted under subsection (b) of this  
415 section. Each program contained in the plan shall be reviewed by each  
416 such gas company and shall be either accepted, modified or rejected by  
417 the Energy Conservation Management Board before submission of the  
418 plan to the department for approval. The Energy Conservation  
419 Management Board shall, as part of its review, examine opportunities  
420 to offer joint programs providing similar efficiency measures that save  
421 more than one fuel resource or to otherwise coordinate programs  
422 targeted at saving more than one fuel resource. Any costs for joint  
423 programs shall be allocated equitably among the conservation  
424 programs.

425 (2) Programs included in the plan shall be screened through cost-  
426 effectiveness testing that compares the value and payback period of  
427 program benefits to program costs to ensure that the programs are  
428 designed to obtain gas savings whose value is greater than the costs of  
429 the program. Program cost-effectiveness shall be reviewed annually by  
430 the department, or otherwise as is practicable. If the department  
431 determines that a program fails the cost-effectiveness test as part of the  
432 review process, the program shall either be modified to meet the test  
433 or be terminated. On or before January 1, 2007, and annually  
434 thereafter, the board shall provide a report, in accordance with the  
435 provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the  
436 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy and  
437 the environment, that documents expenditures and funding for such  
438 programs and evaluates the cost-effectiveness of such programs

439 conducted in the preceding year, including any increased cost-  
440 effectiveness owing to offering programs that save more than one fuel  
441 resource.

442 (3) Programs included in the plan may include, but are not limited  
443 to: (A) Conservation and load management programs, including  
444 programs that benefit low-income individuals; (B) research,  
445 development and commercialization of products or processes that are  
446 more energy-efficient than those generally available; (C) development  
447 of markets for such products and processes; (D) support for energy use  
448 assessment, engineering studies and services related to new  
449 construction or major building renovations; (E) the design,  
450 manufacture, commercialization and purchase of energy-efficient  
451 appliances, air conditioning and heating devices; (F) program planning  
452 and evaluation; (G) joint fuel conservation initiatives and programs  
453 targeted at saving more than one fuel resource; and (H) public  
454 education regarding conservation. Such support may be by direct  
455 funding, manufacturers' rebates, sale price and loan subsidies, leases  
456 and promotional and educational activities. The plan shall also provide  
457 for expenditures by the Energy Conservation Management Board for  
458 the retention of expert consultants and reasonable administrative costs,  
459 provided such consultants shall not be employed by, or have any  
460 contractual relationship with, a gas company. Such costs shall not  
461 exceed five per cent of the total cost of the plan.]

462 (c) Annually, each gas company shall provide documentation and  
463 information for the consolidated report prepared by the Energy  
464 Conservation Management Board pursuant to section 504 of this act.

465 Sec. 507. Section 16-245m of the general statutes is repealed and the  
466 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

467 (a) [(1)] On and after January 1, 2000, the Department of Public  
468 Utility Control shall assess or cause to be assessed a charge of three  
469 mills per kilowatt hour of electricity sold to each end use customer of  
470 an electric distribution company to be used to implement the program

471 as provided in this section for conservation and load management  
472 programs but not for the amortization of costs incurred prior to July 1,  
473 1997, for such conservation and load management programs.

474 [(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, receipts from  
475 such charge shall be disbursed to the resources of the General Fund  
476 during the period from July 1, 2003, to June 30, 2005, unless the  
477 department shall, on or before October 30, 2003, issue a financing order  
478 for each affected electric distribution company in accordance with  
479 sections 16-245e to 16-245k, inclusive, to sustain funding of  
480 conservation and load management programs by substituting an  
481 equivalent amount, as determined by the department in such financing  
482 order, of proceeds of rate reduction bonds for disbursement to the  
483 resources of the General Fund during the period from July 1, 2003, to  
484 June 30, 2005. The department may authorize in such financing order  
485 the issuance of rate reduction bonds that substitute for disbursement to  
486 the General Fund for receipts of both the charge under this subsection  
487 and under subsection (b) of section 16-245n and also may, in its  
488 discretion, authorize the issuance of rate reduction bonds under this  
489 subsection and subsection (b) of section 16-245n that relate to more  
490 than one electric distribution company. The department shall, in such  
491 financing order or other appropriate order, offset any increase in the  
492 competitive transition assessment necessary to pay principal,  
493 premium, if any, interest and expenses of the issuance of such rate  
494 reduction bonds by making an equivalent reduction to the charge  
495 imposed under this subsection, provided any failure to offset all or any  
496 portion of such increase in the competitive transition assessment shall  
497 not affect the need to implement the full amount of such increase as  
498 required by this subsection and by sections 16-245e to 16-245k,  
499 inclusive. Such financing order shall also provide if the rate reduction  
500 bonds are not issued, any unrecovered funds expended and committed  
501 by the electric distribution companies for conservation and load  
502 management programs, provided such expenditures were approved  
503 by the department after August 20, 2003, and prior to the date of  
504 determination that the rate reduction bonds cannot be issued, shall be

505 recovered by the companies from their respective competitive  
506 transition assessment or systems benefits charge but such expenditures  
507 shall not exceed four million dollars per month. All receipts from the  
508 remaining charge imposed under this subsection, after reduction of  
509 such charge to offset the increase in the competitive transition  
510 assessment as provided in this subsection, shall be disbursed to the  
511 Energy Conservation and Load Management Fund commencing as of  
512 July 1, 2003. Any increase in the competitive transition assessment or  
513 decrease in the conservation and load management component of an  
514 electric distribution company's rates resulting from the issuance of or  
515 obligations under rate reduction bonds shall be included as rate  
516 adjustments on customer bills.]

517 (b) The electric distribution company shall establish an Energy  
518 Conservation and Load Management Fund which shall be held  
519 separate and apart from all other funds or accounts. The fund may  
520 receive any amount required by law to be deposited into the fund and  
521 may receive any federal or other funds as may become available for  
522 conservation and load management and renewable resources. Receipts  
523 from the charge imposed under subsection (a) of this section shall be  
524 deposited into the fund. Any balance remaining in the fund at the end  
525 of any fiscal year shall be carried forward in the fiscal year next  
526 succeeding. Disbursements from the fund or its subaccount by electric  
527 distribution companies to carry out the plan developed under  
528 [subsection (d) of this] section 503 of this act shall be authorized by the  
529 Department of Public Utility Control upon its approval of such plan.

530 [(c) The Department of Public Utility Control shall appoint and  
531 convene an Energy Conservation Management Board which shall  
532 include representatives of: (1) An environmental group knowledgeable  
533 in energy conservation program collaboratives; (2) the Office of  
534 Consumer Counsel; (3) the Attorney General; (4) the Department of  
535 Environmental Protection; (5) the electric distribution companies in  
536 whose territories the activities take place for such programs; (6) a state-  
537 wide manufacturing association; (7) a chamber of commerce; (8) a  
538 state-wide business association; (9) a state-wide retail organization;

539 (10) a representative of a municipal electric energy cooperative created  
540 pursuant to chapter 101a; (11) two representatives selected by the gas  
541 companies in this state; and (12) residential customers. Such members  
542 shall serve for a period of five years and may be reappointed.  
543 Representatives of the gas companies shall not vote on matters  
544 unrelated to gas conservation. Representatives of the electric  
545 distribution companies and the municipal electric energy cooperative  
546 shall not vote on matters unrelated to electricity conservation.]

547 (c) On or before October first of each year, an electric distribution  
548 company shall submit to the Energy Conservation Management Board  
549 and the Department of Public Utility Control a conservation plan in  
550 accordance with the provisions of section 503 of this act.

551 [(d) (1) The Energy Conservation Management Board shall advise  
552 and assist the electric distribution companies in the development and  
553 implementation of a comprehensive plan, which plan shall be  
554 approved by the Department of Public Utility Control, to implement  
555 cost-effective energy conservation programs and market  
556 transformation initiatives. Each program contained in the plan shall be  
557 reviewed by the electric distribution company and either accepted or  
558 rejected by the Energy Conservation Management Board prior to  
559 submission to the department for approval. The Energy Conservation  
560 Management Board shall, as part of its review, examine opportunities  
561 to offer joint programs providing similar efficiency measures that save  
562 more than one fuel resource or otherwise to coordinate programs  
563 targeted at saving more than one fuel resource. Any costs for joint  
564 programs shall be allocated equitably among the conservation  
565 programs. The Energy Conservation Management Board shall give  
566 preference to projects that maximize the reduction of federally  
567 mandated congestion charges. The Department of Public Utility  
568 Control shall, in an uncontested proceeding during which the  
569 department may hold a public hearing, approve, modify or reject the  
570 comprehensive plan prepared pursuant to this subsection.

571 (2) There shall be a joint committee of the Energy Conservation

572 Management Board and the Renewable Energy Investments Board.  
573 The board and the advisory committee shall each appoint members to  
574 such joint committee. The joint committee shall examine opportunities  
575 to coordinate the programs and activities funded by the Renewable  
576 Energy Investment Fund pursuant to section 16-245n with the  
577 programs and activities contained in the plan developed under this  
578 subsection to reduce the long-term cost, environmental impacts and  
579 security risks of energy in the state. Such joint committee shall hold its  
580 first meeting on or before August 1, 2005.

581 (3) Programs included in the plan developed under subdivision (1)  
582 of this subsection shall be screened through cost-effectiveness testing  
583 which compares the value and payback period of program benefits to  
584 program costs to ensure that programs are designed to obtain energy  
585 savings and system benefits, including mitigation of federally  
586 mandated congestion charges, whose value is greater than the costs of  
587 the programs. Cost-effectiveness testing shall utilize available  
588 information obtained from real-time monitoring systems to ensure  
589 accurate validation and verification of energy use. Such testing shall  
590 include an analysis of the effects of investments on increasing the  
591 state's load factor. Program cost-effectiveness shall be reviewed  
592 annually, or otherwise as is practicable. If a program is determined to  
593 fail the cost-effectiveness test as part of the review process, it shall  
594 either be modified to meet the test or shall be terminated. On or before  
595 March 1, 2005, and on or before March first annually thereafter, the  
596 board shall provide a report, in accordance with the provisions of  
597 section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General  
598 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy and the  
599 environment (A) that documents expenditures and fund balances and  
600 evaluates the cost-effectiveness of such programs conducted in the  
601 preceding year, and (B) that documents the extent to and manner in  
602 which the programs of such board collaborated and cooperated with  
603 programs, established under section 7-233y, of municipal electric  
604 energy cooperatives. To maximize the reduction of federally mandated  
605 congestion charges, programs in the plan may allow for

606 disproportionate allocations between the amount of contributions to  
607 the Energy Conservation and Load Management Funds by a certain  
608 rate class and the programs that benefit such a rate class. Before  
609 conducting such evaluation, the board shall consult with the  
610 Renewable Energy Investments Board. The report shall include a  
611 description of the activities undertaken during the reporting period  
612 jointly or in collaboration with the Renewable Energy Investment  
613 Fund established pursuant to subsection (c) of section 16-245n.

614 (4) Programs included in the plan developed under subdivision (1)  
615 of this subsection may include, but not be limited to: (A) Conservation  
616 and load management programs, including programs that benefit low-  
617 income individuals; (B) research, development and commercialization  
618 of products or processes which are more energy-efficient than those  
619 generally available; (C) development of markets for such products and  
620 processes; (D) support for energy use assessment, real-time monitoring  
621 systems, engineering studies and services related to new construction  
622 or major building renovation; (E) the design, manufacture,  
623 commercialization and purchase of energy-efficient appliances and  
624 heating, air conditioning and lighting devices; (F) program planning  
625 and evaluation; (G) indoor air quality programs relating to energy  
626 conservation; (H) joint fuel conservation initiatives programs targeted  
627 at reducing consumption of more than one fuel resource; (I) public  
628 education regarding conservation; and (J) the demand-side technology  
629 programs recommended by the procurement plan approved by the  
630 Department of Public Utility Control pursuant to section 16a-3a. Such  
631 support may be by direct funding, manufacturers' rebates, sale price  
632 and loan subsidies, leases and promotional and educational activities.  
633 The plan shall also provide for expenditures by the Energy  
634 Conservation Management Board for the retention of expert  
635 consultants and reasonable administrative costs provided such  
636 consultants shall not be employed by, or have any contractual  
637 relationship with, an electric distribution company. Such costs shall  
638 not exceed five per cent of the total revenue collected from the  
639 assessment.]

640 (d) Each electric distribution company annually shall provide  
641 documentation and information for the consolidated report prepared  
642 by the Energy Conservation Management Board pursuant to section  
643 504 of this act.

644 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (d),  
645 inclusive, of this section, the Department of Public Utility Control shall  
646 authorize the disbursement of a total of one million dollars in each  
647 month, commencing with July, 2003, and ending with July, 2005, from  
648 the Energy Conservation and Load Management Funds established  
649 pursuant to said subsections. The amount disbursed from each Energy  
650 Conservation and Load Management Fund shall be proportionately  
651 based on the receipts received by each fund. Such disbursements shall  
652 be deposited in the General Fund.

653 (f) No later than December 31, 2006, and no later than December  
654 thirty-first every five years thereafter, the Energy Conservation  
655 Management Board shall, after consulting with the Renewable Energy  
656 Investments Board, conduct an evaluation of the performance of the  
657 programs and activities of the fund and submit a report, in accordance  
658 with the provisions of section 11-4a, of the evaluation to the joint  
659 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
660 matters relating to energy.

661 (g) Repealed by P.A. 06-186, S. 91, effective July 1, 2006.

662 Sec. 508. Section 16-245n of the general statutes is repealed and the  
663 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

664 (a) For purposes of this section, "renewable energy" means solar  
665 photovoltaic energy, solar thermal, geothermal energy, wind, ocean  
666 thermal energy, wave or tidal energy, fuel cells, landfill gas,  
667 hydropower that meets the low-impact standards of the Low-Impact  
668 Hydropower Institute, hydrogen production and hydrogen conversion  
669 technologies, low emission advanced biomass conversion technologies,  
670 alternative fuels, used for electricity generation including ethanol,  
671 biodiesel or other fuel produced in Connecticut and derived from

672 agricultural produce, food waste or waste vegetable oil, provided the  
673 Commissioner of Environmental Protection determines that such fuels  
674 provide net reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and fossil fuel  
675 consumption, usable electricity from combined heat and power  
676 systems with waste heat recovery systems, thermal storage systems  
677 and other energy resources and emerging technologies which have  
678 significant potential for commercialization and which do not involve  
679 the combustion of coal, petroleum or petroleum products, municipal  
680 solid waste or nuclear fission.

681 (b) On and after July 1, 2004, the Department of Public Utility  
682 Control shall assess or cause to be assessed a charge of not less than  
683 one mill per kilowatt hour charged to each end use customer of electric  
684 services in this state which shall be deposited into the Renewable  
685 Energy Investment Fund established under subsection (c) of this  
686 section. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, receipts from  
687 such charges shall be disbursed to the resources of the General Fund  
688 during the period from July 1, 2003, to June 30, 2005, unless the  
689 department shall, on or before October 30, 2003, issue a financing order  
690 for each affected distribution company in accordance with sections 16-  
691 245e to 16-245k, inclusive, to sustain funding of renewable energy  
692 investment programs by substituting an equivalent amount, as  
693 determined by the department in such financing order, of proceeds of  
694 rate reduction bonds for disbursement to the resources of the General  
695 Fund during the period from July 1, 2003, to June 30, 2005. The  
696 department may authorize in such financing order the issuance of rate  
697 reduction bonds that substitute for disbursement to the General Fund  
698 for receipts of both charges under this subsection and subsection (a) of  
699 section 16-245m, as amended by this act, and also may in its discretion  
700 authorize the issuance of rate reduction bonds under this subsection  
701 and subsection (a) of section 16-245m, as amended by this act, that  
702 relate to more than one electric distribution company. The department  
703 shall, in such financing order or other appropriate order, offset any  
704 increase in the competitive transition assessment necessary to pay  
705 principal, premium, if any, interest and expenses of the issuance of

706 such rate reduction bonds by making an equivalent reduction to the  
707 charges imposed under this subsection, provided any failure to offset  
708 all or any portion of such increase in the competitive transition  
709 assessment shall not affect the need to implement the full amount of  
710 such increase as required by this subsection and sections 16-245e to 16-  
711 245k, inclusive. Such financing order shall also provide if the rate  
712 reduction bonds are not issued, any unrecovered funds expended and  
713 committed by the electric distribution companies for renewable  
714 resource investment through deposits into the Renewable Energy  
715 Investment Fund, provided such expenditures were approved by the  
716 department following August 20, 2003, and prior to the date of  
717 determination that the rate reduction bonds cannot be issued, shall be  
718 recovered by the companies from their respective competitive  
719 transition assessment or systems benefits charge except that such  
720 expenditures shall not exceed one million dollars per month. All  
721 receipts from the remaining charges imposed under this subsection,  
722 after reduction of such charges to offset the increase in the competitive  
723 transition assessment as provided in this subsection, shall be disbursed  
724 to the Renewable Energy Investment Fund commencing as of July 1,  
725 2003. Any increase in the competitive transition assessment or decrease  
726 in the renewable energy investment component of an electric  
727 distribution company's rates resulting from the issuance of or  
728 obligations under rate reduction bonds shall be included as rate  
729 adjustments on customer bills.

730 (c) There is hereby created a Renewable Energy Investment Fund  
731 which shall be within Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated for  
732 administrative purposes only. The fund may receive any amount  
733 required by law to be deposited into the fund and may receive any  
734 federal or other funds as may become available to the state for  
735 renewable energy investments. Upon authorization of the Renewable  
736 Energy Investments Board established pursuant to subsection (d) of  
737 this section, Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated, may use any  
738 amount in said fund for expenditures that promote investment in  
739 renewable energy sources in accordance with a comprehensive plan

740 developed by it to foster the growth, development and  
741 commercialization of renewable energy sources, related enterprises  
742 and stimulate demand for renewable energy and deployment of  
743 renewable energy sources that serve end use customers in this state  
744 and for the further purpose of supporting operational demonstration  
745 projects for advanced technologies that reduce energy use from  
746 traditional sources and ensure available conservation and renewable  
747 resources programs are integrated, to the extent practicable, to simplify  
748 consumer access to integrated services of all available resources,  
749 minimize expenses in the administration of each program and reduce  
750 environmental impacts and security risks of energy in the state. Such  
751 expenditures may include, but not be limited to, reimbursement for  
752 services provided by the administrator of the fund including a  
753 management fee, disbursements from the fund to develop and carry  
754 out the plan developed pursuant to subsection (d) of this section,  
755 grants, direct or equity investments, contracts or other actions which  
756 support research, development, manufacture, commercialization,  
757 deployment and installation of renewable energy technologies, and  
758 actions which expand the expertise of individuals, businesses and  
759 lending institutions with regard to renewable energy technologies.

760 (d) There is hereby created a Renewable Energy Investments Board  
761 to act on matters related to the Renewable Energy Investment Fund,  
762 including, but not limited to, development of a comprehensive plan  
763 and expenditure of funds. The Renewable Energy Investments Board  
764 shall, in such plan, give preference to projects that maximize the  
765 reduction of federally mandated congestion charges. The Renewable  
766 Energy Investments Board shall make a draft of the comprehensive  
767 plan available for public comment for not less than thirty days. The  
768 board shall conduct three public hearings in three different regions of  
769 the state on the draft comprehensive plan and shall include a  
770 summarization of all public comments received at said public hearings  
771 in the final comprehensive plan approved by the board. The board  
772 shall provide a copy of the comprehensive plan, in accordance with the  
773 provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the

774 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy, the  
775 environment and commerce and to the Energy Conservation  
776 Management Board. The Department of Public Utility Control shall, in  
777 an uncontested proceeding, during which the department may hold a  
778 public hearing, approve, modify or reject the comprehensive plan  
779 prepared pursuant to this subsection.

780 (e) The Renewable Energy Investments Board shall include not  
781 more than [fifteen] sixteen individuals with knowledge and experience  
782 in matters related to the purpose and activities of the Renewable  
783 Energy Investment Fund. The board shall consist of the following  
784 members: (1) One person with expertise regarding renewable energy  
785 resources appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;  
786 (2) one person representing a state or regional organization primarily  
787 concerned with environmental protection appointed by the president  
788 pro tempore of the Senate; (3) one person with experience in business  
789 or commercial investments appointed by the majority leader of the  
790 House of Representatives; (4) one person representing a state or  
791 regional organization primarily concerned with environmental  
792 protection appointed by the majority leader of the Senate; (5) one  
793 person with experience in business or commercial investments  
794 appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives; (6)  
795 the Commissioner of Emergency Management and Homeland Security  
796 or the commissioner's designee; (7) one person with expertise  
797 regarding renewable energy resources appointed by the Governor; (8)  
798 two persons with experience in business or commercial investments  
799 appointed by the board of directors of Connecticut Innovations,  
800 Incorporated; (9) a representative of a state-wide business association,  
801 manufacturing association or chamber of commerce appointed by the  
802 minority leader of the Senate; (10) the Consumer Counsel; (11) the  
803 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or the secretary's  
804 designee; (12) the Commissioner of Environmental Protection or the  
805 commissioner's designee; (13) a representative of organized labor  
806 appointed by the Governor; [and] (14) a representative of residential  
807 customers or low-income customers appointed by the Governor; and

808 (15) a representative of the Energy Conservation Management Board  
809 selected by such board. On a biennial basis, the board shall elect a  
810 chairperson and vice-chairperson from among its members and shall  
811 adopt such bylaws and procedures it deems necessary to carry out its  
812 functions. The board may establish committees and subcommittees as  
813 necessary to conduct its business.

814 (f) The board annually shall [issue annually a report to the  
815 Department of Public Utility Control reviewing the activities of the  
816 Renewable Energy Investment Fund in detail and shall provide a copy  
817 of such report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to  
818 the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
819 cognizance of matters relating to energy and commerce and the Office  
820 of Consumer Counsel. The report shall include a description of the  
821 programs and activities undertaken during the reporting period jointly  
822 or in collaboration with the Energy Conservation and Load  
823 Management Funds established pursuant to section 16-245m] provide  
824 documentation and information for the consolidated report prepared  
825 by the Energy Conservation Management Board pursuant to section  
826 504 of this act.

827 (g) There shall be a joint committee of the Energy Conservation  
828 Management Board and the Renewable Energy Investments Board, as  
829 provided in [subdivision (2) of] subsection (d) of section [16-245m] 501  
830 of this act.

831 (h) No later than December 31, 2006, and no later than December  
832 thirty-first every five years thereafter, the board shall, after consulting  
833 with the Energy Conservation Management Board, conduct an  
834 evaluation of the performance of the programs and activities of the  
835 fund and submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section  
836 11-4a, of the evaluation to the joint standing committees of the General  
837 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy and  
838 commerce.

839 Sec. 509. Section 16a-41a of the general statutes is repealed and the

840 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

841 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall submit to the joint  
842 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
843 energy planning and activities, appropriations, and human services the  
844 following on the implementation of the block grant program  
845 authorized under the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of  
846 1981, as amended:

847 (1) Not later than August first, annually, a Connecticut energy  
848 assistance program annual plan which establishes guidelines for the  
849 use of funds authorized under the Low-Income Home Energy  
850 Assistance Act of 1981, as amended, and includes the following:

851 (A) Criteria for determining which households are to receive  
852 emergency and weatherization assistance;

853 (B) A description of systems used to ensure referrals to other energy  
854 assistance programs and the taking of simultaneous applications, as  
855 required under section 16a-41;

856 (C) A description of outreach efforts;

857 (D) Estimates of the total number of households eligible for  
858 assistance under the program and the number of households in which  
859 one or more elderly or physically disabled individuals eligible for  
860 assistance reside; [and]

861 (E) Design of a basic grant for eligible households that does not  
862 discriminate against such households based on the type of energy used  
863 for heating; and

864 (F) The Department of Social Services' system for (i) identifying  
865 households to whom it provides cash, medical or food assistance who  
866 may be eligible for conservation assistance through programs  
867 developed pursuant to the comprehensive conservation plan approved  
868 in accordance with section 503 of this act and sections 7-233y, 16-32f  
869 and 16-245m, as amended by this act, (ii) obtaining permission from

870 such households to transmit information regarding the households to  
871 such conservation programs for purposes of facilitating provision of  
872 any available conservation resource, and (iii) systematically  
873 transmitting household information to such conservation programs  
874 when permission has been obtained. Such system shall be part of the  
875 department's application and periodic redetermination eligibility  
876 procedures and shall be developed in consultation with the Energy  
877 Conservation Management Board.

878 (2) Not later than January thirtieth, annually, a report covering the  
879 preceding months of the program year, including:

880 (A) In each community action agency geographic area and  
881 Department of Social Services region, the number of fuel assistance  
882 applications filed, approved and denied, the number of emergency  
883 assistance requests made, approved and denied and the number of  
884 households provided weatherization assistance;

885 (B) In each such area and district, the total amount of fuel,  
886 emergency and weatherization assistance, itemized by such type of  
887 assistance, and total expenditures to date; and

888 (C) For each state-wide office of each state agency administering the  
889 program, each community action agency and each Department of  
890 Social Services region, administrative expenses under the program, by  
891 line item, and an estimate of outreach expenditures; and

892 (3) Not later than November first, annually, a report covering the  
893 preceding twelve calendar months, including:

894 (A) In each community action agency geographic area and  
895 Department of Social Services region, (i) seasonal totals for the  
896 categories of data submitted under subdivision (1) of this subsection,  
897 (ii) the number of households receiving fuel assistance in which elderly  
898 or physically disabled individuals reside, and (iii) the average  
899 combined benefit level of fuel, emergency and renter assistance;

- 900 (B) Types of weatherization assistance provided;
- 901 (C) Percentage of weatherization assistance provided to tenants;
- 902 (D) The number of homeowners and tenants whose heat or total  
903 energy costs are not included in their rent receiving fuel and  
904 emergency assistance under the program by benefit level;
- 905 (E) The number of homeowners and tenants whose heat is included  
906 in their rent and who are receiving assistance, by benefit level; [and]
- 907 (F) The number of households receiving assistance, by energy type  
908 and total expenditures for each energy type; and
- 909 (G) The number of households to which it provides cash, medical or  
910 food assistance from which the Department of Social Services obtained  
911 permission and transmitted information regarding the household to  
912 conservation programs developed pursuant to the comprehensive  
913 conservation plan approved in accordance with section 503 of this act  
914 and sections 7-233y, 16-32f and 16-245m, as amended by this act.
- 915 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall implement a program  
916 to purchase deliverable fuel for low-income households participating  
917 in the Connecticut energy assistance program and the state-  
918 appropriated fuel assistance program. The commissioner shall ensure  
919 that no fuel vendor discriminates against fuel assistance program  
920 recipients who are under the vendor's standard payment, delivery,  
921 service or other similar plans. The commissioner may take advantage  
922 of programs offered by fuel vendors that reduce the cost of the fuel  
923 purchased, including, but not limited to, fixed price, capped price,  
924 prepurchase or summer-fill programs that reduce program cost and  
925 that make the maximum use of program revenues. As funding allows,  
926 the commissioner shall ensure that all agencies administering the fuel  
927 assistance program shall make payments to program fuel vendors in  
928 advance of the delivery of energy where vendor provided price-  
929 management strategies require payments in advance.

930 (c) Each community action agency administering a fuel assistance  
931 program shall submit reports, as requested by the Commissioner of  
932 Social Services, concerning pricing information from vendors of  
933 deliverable fuel participating in the program. Such information shall  
934 include, but not be limited to, the state-wide or regional retail price per  
935 unit of deliverable fuel, the reduced price per unit paid by the state for  
936 the deliverable fuel in utilizing price management strategies offered by  
937 program vendors for all consumers, the number of units delivered to  
938 the state under the program and the total savings under the program  
939 due to the purchase of deliverable fuel utilizing price-management  
940 strategies offered by program vendors for all consumers.

941 (d) If funding allows, the Commissioner of Social Services, in  
942 consultation with the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
943 Management, shall require that, each community action agency  
944 administering a fuel assistance program begin accepting applications  
945 for the program not later than September first of each year.

946 (e) Weatherization assistance funded or administered by or through  
947 the Department of Social Services shall be integrated, to the extent  
948 practicable, with conservation programs adopted pursuant to section  
949 503 of this act and sections 7-233y, 16-32f and 16-245m, as amended by  
950 this act, to simplify consumer access to integrated services of all  
951 available resources and minimize expenses in the administration of  
952 each program. The Commissioner of Social Services shall, at least one  
953 month before adoption of any plan for expenditure of funds for  
954 weatherization assistance or submission of such plan to the General  
955 Assembly, any committees thereof or any federal agency, submit its  
956 proposed plan to the Energy Conservation Management Board for  
957 advice regarding such plan and integration of such weatherization  
958 assistance with conservation programs contained in the  
959 comprehensive conservation plan approved in accordance with said  
960 section 503 and said sections 7-233y, 16-32f and 16-245m. The  
961 commissioner shall provide a copy of any final weatherization  
962 assistance plan before its implementation to such board and to the joint  
963 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of

964 matters relating to energy, the environment and human services and  
965 shall simultaneously report the comments of the Energy Conservation  
966 Management Board and the extent to which the weatherization  
967 assistance is integrated with other available conservation programs.

968 Sec. 510. Section 16-245z of the general statutes is repealed and the  
969 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

970 [Not later than October 1, 2005, the] The Department of Public  
971 Utility Control, [and] the Connecticut Electric Authority, the Energy  
972 Conservation Management Board, established in section [16-245m,] 501  
973 of this act, the Renewable Energy Resources Board established  
974 pursuant to section 16-245n, as amended by this act, each electric  
975 distribution company, each gas company and each municipal electric  
976 utility to the extent programs may be available to their customers shall  
977 establish links on their Internet web sites to web sites for conservation  
978 and renewable resources programs in the comprehensive conservation  
979 plan approved in accordance with section 503 of this act and sections  
980 7-233y, 16-32f and 16-245n, as amended by this act, and web sites for  
981 other conservation assistance that may be available to Connecticut  
982 residents, including rebate programs and tax exemptions or  
983 reductions, and the Energy Star program or successor program that  
984 promotes energy efficiency and each electric distribution company  
985 shall establish a link under its conservation programs on its Internet  
986 web site to the Energy Star program or such successor program.

987 Sec. 511. Subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of section 4-73 of the  
988 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
989 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

990 (2) In addition, the supporting schedule of agency energy costs shall  
991 be supported by a statement of the agency's plans for energy  
992 conservation in each fiscal year of the ensuing biennium, and a  
993 statement of the progress the agency has made in the last-completed  
994 fiscal year concerning energy conservation. For the biennium  
995 commencing July 1, 2010, and each biennium thereafter, the Office of

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996 Policy and Management shall submit in accordance with the  
997 provisions of section 11-4a such supporting schedule to the joint  
998 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
999 matters relating to energy, the environment and commerce.

1000 Sec. 512. Sections 7-233z and 16a-22l of the general statutes and  
1001 subsections (e) and (f) of section 16-245m of the general statutes are  
1002 repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2009*)"