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"AN ACT CONCERNING LOW INCOME ENERGY PROGRAMS."

1 Strike section 1 in its entirety and renumber remaining sections and
2 internal references accordingly

3 Strike section 3 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

4 "Sec. 3. Section 16a-41b of the general statutes is repealed and the
5 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6 (a) There shall be a Low-Income Energy Advisory Board which shall
7 consist of the following members: The [Secretary of the Office of Policy
8 and Management or the secretary's designee; the Commissioner of
9 Social Services or the commissioner's designee; the] executive director
10 of the Commission on Aging; a representative of each electric and gas
11 public service company designated by each such company; [the
12 chairperson of the Department of Public Utility Control or a
13 commissioner of the Department of Public Utility Control designated

14 by the chairperson;] the Consumer Counsel or the counsel's designee;
15 the executive director of Operation Fuel; the executive director of
16 Infoline; the director of the Connecticut Local Administrators of Social
17 Services; the executive director of Legal Assistance Resource Center of
18 Connecticut; the Connecticut president of AARP; a designee of the
19 Norwich Public Utility; a designee of the Connecticut Petroleum
20 Dealers Association; and a representative of the community action
21 agencies administering energy assistance programs under contract
22 with the Department of Social Services, designated by the Connecticut
23 Association for Community Action. The Secretary of the Office of
24 Policy and Management, the Commissioner of Social Services and the
25 chairperson of the Public Utilities Control Authority, or their
26 designees, shall serve as nonvoting ex-officio members of the board.

27 (b) The Low-Income Energy Advisory Board shall (1) advise and
28 assist the Office of Policy and Management and the Department of
29 Social Services in the planning, development, implementation and
30 coordination of energy-assistance-related programs and policies, [and]
31 (2) advise and assist in the planning, development, implementation
32 and coordination of all low-income weatherization assistance
33 programs and policies [, shall] so that low income weatherization
34 programs, including those implemented pursuant to sections 7-233y,
35 16-32f, 16-245m and 16a-22l, and those administered by the
36 Department of Social Services, meet a combined goal, within existing
37 budgetary resources, to weatherize at least thirty per cent of low
38 income eligible households and reduce energy consumption in each of
39 such households by at least twenty per cent not later than five years
40 after the effective date of this section, (3) advise the Department of
41 Public Utility Control regarding the impact of utility rates and policies,
42 and [shall] (4) make recommendations to the General Assembly
43 regarding legislation and plans subject to legislative approval to
44 ensure affordable access to residential energy services to low-income
45 state residents.

46 (c) The [Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or the
47 person designated by the secretary pursuant to subsection (a) of this

48 section shall be the chairperson] members of the board shall annually
49 elect a chairperson and a vice-chairperson from among the
50 membership of the board.

51 (d) The [Secretary of] Low-Income Advisory Board shall be within
52 the Office of Policy and Management [shall convene the first meeting
53 of the board not later than August 1, 2005. The secretary shall provide
54 notice of meetings to the members of Low-Income Energy Advisory
55 Board, provide space for such meetings, maintain minutes and publish
56 reports of the board] for administrative purposes only."