



Senate

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 349

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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, as defined in section 16-1 of the general
5 statutes, to establish a program to provide financial assistance for
6 energy conservation and load management projects in underserved
7 communities. The aggregate financial assistance such program shall
8 provide shall be in an amount equal to three per cent of the total
9 moneys collected for the Energy Conservation and Load Management
10 and Renewable Energy Investment Funds pursuant to sections 16-
11 245m and 16-245n of the general statutes. The moneys for the program
12 shall be derived (1) initially from, if available, the federal American
13 Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, and (2) from the Energy
14 Conservation and Load Management and Renewable Energy

15 Investment Funds. Such program shall include a job training
 16 component for existing or potential minority business enterprises, as
 17 defined in section 4a-60g of the general statutes. For the purposes of
 18 this section, "underserved communities" means municipalities meeting
 19 the criteria set forth in subsection (a) of section 32-70 of the general
 20 statutes. The department shall report, in accordance with the
 21 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
 22 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
 23 relating to energy on or before February 1, 2011, and annually
 24 thereafter, regarding the program established pursuant 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 first and second sentences of section 1 were rewritten for clarity.

ET *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect
Renewable Energy Investments Board, Energy Conservation Management Board	CT Clean Energy Fund, CT Energy Efficiency Fund - See Below

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill sets aside approximately \$3.5 million annually from the Clean Energy Fund and the Energy Efficiency Fund combined to support a new program.¹ The program established in the bill would be supported initially through federal stimulus funds.

The Out Years

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

¹ The Clean Energy Fund and Energy Efficiency Fund are expected to receive approximately \$115 million combined in FY 11. The bill would set aside 3% of this, or approximately \$3.5 million, for the purpose of the bill.

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 349*****AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY EFFICIENCY INVESTMENTS IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES.*****SUMMARY:**

Under this bill, the Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC) 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 in municipalities with enterprise zones. The program must provide funding at a level equal to 3% of the total collected for the Energy Conservation and Load Management Fund, which must be derived (1) initially from the Energy Conservation and Load Management and Renewable Energy Investment Clean Energy funds and (2) from funds made available to the state for such purposes under the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The program must include a job training component for existing or potential minority business enterprises. DPUC must report to the Energy and Technology Committee on the program by February 1 annually. There are currently 17 municipalities with enterprise zones: Bridgeport, Bristol, East Hartford, Groton, Hamden, Hartford, Meriden, Middletown, New Britain, New Haven, New London, Norwalk, Norwich, Southington, Stamford, Waterbury and Windham.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 20 Nay 1 (03/16/2010)

