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AN ACT CONCERNING THE COORDINATION OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2010*) (a) The Department of Public
2 Utility Control shall appoint and convene an Energy Conservation
3 Management Board, which shall be within the department for
4 administrative purposes only and shall include: (1) A representative of
5 an environmental group knowledgeable in energy conservation
6 programs; (2) the Consumer Counsel or the Consumer Counsel's
7 designee; (3) the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee;
8 (4) the Commissioner of Environmental Protection or the
9 commissioner's designee; (5) the Commissioner of Social Services or
10 the commissioner's designee; (6) a representative of a state-wide
11 manufacturing association; (7) a representative of a chamber of
12 commerce; (8) a representative of a state-wide business association; (9)
13 a representative of a state-wide retail organization; (10) a
14 representative of a municipal electric energy cooperative created
15 pursuant to chapter 101a of the general statutes; (11) two
16 representatives, one each selected by the electric distribution

17 companies, as defined in section 16-1 of the general statutes; (12) two
18 representatives selected by the gas companies, as defined in section 16-
19 1 of the general statutes; (13) a representative of residential customers;
20 (14) a fuel oil dealer selected by the Independent Connecticut
21 Petroleum Association; (15) a Connecticut propane dealer selected by
22 the Propane Gas Association of New England; and (16) a
23 representative of the Renewable Energy Investment Fund selected by
24 such fund. The members of the Energy Conservation Management
25 Board on June 30, 2010, shall continue to serve on the board
26 established pursuant to this section until the expiration of their current
27 term. Members shall serve for a period of five years from the date of
28 appointment and may be reappointed. Representatives of the gas
29 companies, electric distribution companies, municipal electric energy
30 cooperative, fuel oil dealers, propane dealers and the Renewable
31 Energy Investment Fund shall not vote on matters unrelated to their
32 industry.

33 (b) The Energy Conservation Management Board shall:

34 (1) Advise the municipal electric energy cooperatives regarding
35 programs developed pursuant to section 3 of this act and section 7-
36 233y of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

37 (2) Advise the natural gas companies regarding programs
38 developed pursuant to section 3 of this act and section 16-32f of the
39 general statutes, as amended by this act;

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

43 (4) Collaborate with the Department of Social Services regarding
44 coordination of energy and weatherization assistance administered or
45 funded by said department with conservation assistance available
46 under the plan developed pursuant to section 3 of this act and sections
47 7-233y, 16-32f and 16-245m of the general statutes, as amended by this

48 act;

49 (5) Collaborate, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (d)
50 of this section, with the Renewable Energy Investment Fund to
51 examine opportunities to coordinate with the programs and activities
52 funded by said fund pursuant to section 16-245n of the general
53 statutes, as amended by this act, and with programs and activities
54 developed pursuant to section 3 of this act and sections 7-233y, 16-32f
55 and 16-245m of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

56 (6) Oversee the administrator retained pursuant to subsection (c) of
57 this section and the development and implementation of conservation
58 assistance regarding deliverable fuels pursuant to section 3 of this act;

59 (7) Facilitate, to the extent practicable, the coordination and
60 integration of energy, conservation and renewable resources programs
61 to simplify consumer access to integrated services of all available
62 resources, minimize expenses in the administration of each program
63 and reduce environmental impacts and security risks of energy in this
64 state;

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

69 (9) Retain and direct expert consultants regarding the board's duties
70 pursuant to section 3 of this act and sections 16-32f and 16-245m of the
71 general statutes, as amended by this act;

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

75 (11) Consolidate annual reports to the joint standing committees of
76 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy,
77 the environment and commerce, documenting conservation and

78 renewable resources program operations, pursuant to section 4 of this
79 act and sections 7-233y, 16-32f, 16-245m and 16-245n of the general
80 statutes, as amended by this act.

81 (c) On or before January 1, 2011, to the extent funding is available,
82 after issuing a request for proposals, the Energy Conservation
83 Management Board shall select an administrator qualified to develop
84 recommendations for conservation of deliverable fuel and for
85 administering and implementing conservation and energy efficiency
86 programs for deliverable fuel customers. The board may enter into a
87 contract with the administrator for a period not to exceed three years.
88 The costs for such administrator shall be paid from the fuel oil
89 conservation account established pursuant to subsection (b) of section
90 2 of this act or any other funds as may become available for this
91 purpose.

92 (d) There shall be a joint committee of the Energy Conservation
93 Management Board and the Renewable Energy Investments Board.
94 Each board shall appoint members to such joint committee. The joint
95 committee shall examine opportunities to coordinate the programs and
96 activities funded by the Renewable Energy Investment Fund pursuant
97 to section 16-245n of the general statutes, as amended by this act, with
98 the programs and activities contained in the comprehensive
99 conservation plan approved pursuant to section 3 of this act to reduce
100 the long-term cost, environmental impacts and security risks of energy
101 in the state.

102 (e) As used in this section, sections 2 and 3 of this act and section
103 16a-41a of the general statutes, as amended by this act, "deliverable
104 fuel" includes fuel oil, propane, wood, coal and kerosene used for
105 space heating or to heat hot water, and as used in this section "fuel oil"
106 means the product designated by the American Society for Testing and
107 Materials as "Specifications for Heating Oil D396-69", commonly
108 known as number 2 heating oil, and grade number 4, grade number 5
109 and grade number 6 fuel oil, provided such heating and fuel oils are

110 used for purposes other than generating power to propel motor
111 vehicles or for generating electricity.

112 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2010*) (a) There is established, within
113 the Energy Conservation Fund established pursuant to subsection (b)
114 of section 16-245m of the general statutes, as amended by this act, a
115 natural gas subaccount. The Energy Conservation and Management
116 Board may receive any amount required by law to be deposited into
117 the subaccount and may receive any federal or other funds as may
118 become available for conservation and load management and
119 renewable resources. Any balance remaining in such subaccount at the
120 end of any fiscal year shall be carried forward in the fiscal year next
121 succeeding. Disbursement from such subaccount shall be in
122 accordance with the comprehensive conservation plan approved by
123 the Department of Public Utility Control pursuant to section 3 of this
124 act.

125 (b) Each fiscal year, an amount equal to the annual revenue from the
126 tax imposed by section 12-264 of the general statutes on the gross
127 receipts of sales of all public services companies that is in excess of the
128 revenue estimate for said tax that is approved by the General
129 Assembly in the appropriations act for that fiscal year shall be
130 deposited by the Comptroller in the natural gas subaccount, provided
131 the amount of such excess revenue shall not exceed ten million dollars.
132 Such amount shall be used for natural gas programs contained in the
133 comprehensive conservation plan, natural gas allocations of joint
134 programs and such administrative expenses as provided in such plan.

135 (c) There is established a fuel oil conservation account, which shall
136 be a separate, nonlapsing account within the Restricted Grant Fund
137 and shall be funded by annual revenue from the tax imposed by
138 section 12-587 of the general statutes on the sale of petroleum products
139 gross earnings that is in excess of said revenue collected during fiscal
140 year 2006, provided the amount of such revenue that shall be allocated
141 to said account in the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2010, shall not

142 exceed five million dollars. Such amount shall be used for deliverable
143 fuel programs in accordance with the comprehensive conservation
144 plan approved pursuant to section 3 of this section. The Energy
145 Conservation Management Board shall notify the State Comptroller of
146 an approved amount to be drawn from such account for the purposes
147 of this act. Not later than two business days following notification by
148 the board, the State Comptroller shall draw an order on the State
149 Treasurer for payment of any such requested amount from the fund.

150 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2010*) (a) On October 1, 2010, and
151 annually thereafter, (1) the deliverable fuels administrator regarding
152 deliverable fuels; (2) the natural gas companies regarding natural gas;
153 and (3) the electric distribution companies regarding electricity shall
154 submit their recommendations for energy conservation to the
155 Department of Public Utility Control, which shall include plans to
156 integrate and coordinate conservation and renewable energy resources
157 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section. Upon receipt of the
158 recommendations, the department, in an uncontested proceeding, shall
159 hold a public hearing and, after such hearing, approve, modify or
160 reject the recommendations and consolidate the approved or modified
161 recommendations into a comprehensive conservation plan.

162 (b) Not less than sixty days before the submission of such
163 recommendations, the deliverable fuels administrator, the gas
164 companies and the electric distribution companies shall submit the
165 recommendations to the Energy Conservation Management Board for
166 review and comment. In its review of these recommendations, the
167 board shall examine opportunities to offer integrated efficiency and
168 renewable programs that save more than one fuel resource, or
169 otherwise coordinate programs targeted at saving more than one fuel
170 resource to ensure available conservation and renewable resources are
171 integrated, to the extent practicable, to simplify consumer access to
172 integrated services of all available resources, to minimize expenses in
173 the administration of each program and to reduce environmental
174 impacts and security risks of energy in the state. The board shall

175 consult with the Connecticut Electric Authority regarding electricity
176 programs to ensure that such programs are consistent with the goals of
177 the procurement plan approved pursuant to section 16a-3a of the
178 general statutes. The electric distribution companies shall review each
179 program contained in the plan and the Energy Conservation
180 Management Board shall either accept or reject such plan prior to
181 submission to the department for approval.

182 (c) The comprehensive conservation plan approved by the
183 department shall contain specific goals for reducing energy use in this
184 state that are consistent with the procurement plan approved pursuant
185 to section 16a-3a of the general statutes and shall contain a description
186 of each program that is proposed to meet such goals, the amount of
187 funds in the Energy Conservation and Load Management Fund
188 established pursuant to subsection (b) of section 16-245m of the general
189 statutes, as amended by this act, and, if applicable, other sources to be
190 used for each program and an estimate of the systemic savings that
191 will be achieved if such goals are met. Programs included in the plan
192 shall be reviewed using cost-effectiveness testing that compares the
193 value and payback period of program benefits to program costs to
194 ensure that the programs contained in the comprehensive conservation
195 plan will reduce customer bills for energy and obtain energy savings
196 and system benefits, including mitigation of federally mandated
197 congestion charges. The value of the program benefits shall be greater
198 than the costs of the program. Any costs for joint programs shall be
199 allocated equitably among the conservation programs. The plan shall
200 give preference to electric efficiency and load management projects
201 funded pursuant to section 16-245m of the general statutes, as
202 amended by this act, that maximize the reduction of federally
203 mandated congestion charges. The plan shall also provide for
204 reimbursement for services provided by the deliverable fuels
205 administrator and disbursements from the Energy Conservation and
206 Load Management Fund established pursuant to section 16-245m of
207 the general statutes, as amended by this act, to develop and carry out
208 the comprehensive conservation plan, including the retention of expert

209 consultants and the board's reasonable administrative costs. No
210 consultant shall be employed by, or have any contractual relationship
211 with, an electric distribution company, gas company or deliverable
212 fuel company or the administrator. The total cost of such board
213 consultants and the board's administrative costs shall not exceed five
214 per cent of the total cost of the plan. Program cost-effectiveness shall
215 be reviewed annually, or otherwise as is practicable. If a program is
216 determined to fail the cost-effectiveness test as part of the review
217 process, it shall be modified to meet the test or terminated.

218 (d) Programs included in the comprehensive conservation plan may
219 include, but not be limited to: (1) Conservation programs, including
220 programs that benefit low-income persons; (2) commercialization of
221 products or processes that are more energy-efficient than those
222 generally available; (3) development of markets for such products and
223 processes; (4) support for energy use assessment, real-time monitoring
224 systems, engineering studies and services related to new construction
225 or major building renovations; (5) program planning and evaluation;
226 (6) joint fuel conservation initiatives and programs targeted at saving
227 more than one fuel resource; (7) promotion of practices to optimize
228 efficiency; (8) assistance in meeting state climate change and
229 environmental and public health goals; (9) promotion of sustainable
230 economic development and employment; (10) public education
231 regarding conservation; and (11) demand-side technology programs
232 recommended by the procurement plan approved by the Department
233 of Public Utility Control pursuant to section 16a-3a of the general
234 statutes. Support may be by direct funding, manufacturers' rebates,
235 sale price and loan subsidies, leases and promotional and educational
236 activities.

237 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2010*) On or before March 1, 2010, and
238 annually thereafter, the Energy Conservation and Management Board
239 shall provide a consolidated report documenting conservation and
240 renewable resource program operation and activities developed
241 pursuant to section 3 of this act and sections 7-233y, 16-32f, 16-245m

242 and 16-245n of the general statutes, as amended by this act, in
243 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
244 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
245 cognizance of matters relating to energy, the environment and
246 commerce. The report shall document: (1) Expenditures and funding
247 for such programs; (2) program integration, including the extent to and
248 manner in which said board collaborated and cooperated with
249 municipal electric energy cooperative programs established pursuant
250 to section 7-233y of the general statutes, as amended by this act, the
251 Department of Social Services programs, and the joint or collaborative
252 activities with the Renewable Energy Investment Fund established
253 pursuant to section 16-245n of the general statutes, as amended by this
254 act; (3) evaluation of the cost-effectiveness of conservation programs
255 and activities conducted in the preceding year, including any increased
256 cost-effectiveness, including reduced administrative expenses,
257 achieved by offering programs that save more than one fuel resource
258 and integrating programs; (4) the extent to which plan goals and
259 systemic savings were achieved for reducing energy use in the state;
260 and (5) in detail, the activities of the Renewable Energy Investment
261 Fund. Any costs for the consolidated annual report shall be allocated
262 equitably among the entities with responsibility for such report.

263 Sec. 5. Section 7-233y of the general statutes is repealed and the
264 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

265 (a) Each municipal electric utility created pursuant to chapter 101 or
266 by special act shall, for investment in renewable energy sources and
267 for conservation and load management programs pursuant to this
268 section, accrue from each kilowatt hour of its metered firm electric
269 retail sales, exclusive of such sales to United States government naval
270 facilities in this state, no less than the following amounts during the
271 following periods, in a manner conforming to the requirement of this
272 section: (1) 1.0 mills on and after January 1, 2006; (2) 1.3 mills on and
273 after January 1, 2007; (3) 1.6 mills on and after January 1, 2008; (4) 1.9
274 mills on and after January 1, 2009; (5) 2.2 mills on and after January 1,

275 2010; and (6) 2.5 mills on and after January 1, 2011.

276 (b) There is hereby created a municipal energy conservation and
277 load management fund in each municipal electric energy cooperative
278 created pursuant to this chapter, which fund shall be a separate and
279 dedicated fund to be held and administered by such cooperative. The
280 fund may receive an amount required by law to be deposited into the
281 fund and may receive any federal or other funds as may become
282 available for conservation and load management and renewable
283 resources. Each municipal electric utility created pursuant to chapter
284 101 or by special act that is a member or participant in such a
285 municipal electric energy cooperative shall accrue and deposit such
286 amounts as specified in subsection (a) of this section into such fund.
287 Any balance remaining in the fund at the end of any fiscal year shall be
288 carried forward in the fiscal year next succeeding. Disbursements from
289 the fund shall be made pursuant to the comprehensive electric
290 conservation and load management plan prepared by the cooperative
291 in accordance with subsection (c) of this section.

292 (c) Such cooperative shall, annually, adopt a comprehensive plan for
293 the expenditure of such funds by the cooperative on behalf of such
294 municipal electric utilities for the purpose of carrying out electric
295 conservation, investments in renewable energy sources, energy
296 efficiency and electric load management programs funded by the
297 charge accrued pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. The
298 cooperative shall expend or cause to be expended the amounts held in
299 such fund in conformity with the adopted plan. The plan may direct
300 the expenditure of funds on facilities or measures located in any one or
301 more of the service areas of the municipal electric utilities who are
302 members or participants in such cooperative and may provide for the
303 establishment of goals and standards for measuring the cost
304 effectiveness of expenditures made from such fund, for the
305 minimization of federally mandated congestion charges and for
306 achieving appropriate geographic coverage and scope in each such
307 service area. Such plan shall be consistent with the comprehensive

308 plan of the Energy Conservation Management Board established under
309 section [16-245m] 3 of this act. Such cooperative, annually, shall submit
310 its plan to such board for review and provide documentation and
311 information for the consolidated report prepared by the Energy
312 Conservation Management Board pursuant to section 4 of this act.

313 Sec. 6. Section 16-32f of the general statutes is repealed and the
314 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

315 (a) On or before October first of each even-numbered year, a gas
316 company, as defined in section 16-1, shall furnish a report to the
317 Department of Public Utility Control containing a five-year forecast of
318 loads and resources. The report shall describe the facilities and supply
319 sources that, in the judgment of such gas company, will be required to
320 meet gas demands during the forecast period. The report shall be
321 made available to the public and shall be furnished to the Energy
322 Conservation Management Board, the chief executive officer of each
323 municipality in the service area of such gas company, the regional
324 planning agency which encompasses each such municipality, the
325 Attorney General, the president pro tempore of the Senate, the speaker
326 of the House of Representatives, the joint standing [committee]
327 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
328 relating to [public utilities] energy, the environment and commerce,
329 any other member of the General Assembly making a request to the
330 department for the report and such other state and municipal entities
331 as the department may designate by regulation. The report shall
332 include: (1) A tabulation of estimated peak loads and resources for
333 each year; (2) data on gas use and peak loads for the five preceding
334 calendar years; (3) a list of present and projected gas supply sources;
335 (4) specific measures to control load growth and promote conservation;
336 and (5) such other information as the department may require by
337 regulation. A full description of the methodology used to arrive at the
338 forecast of loads and resources shall also be furnished to the
339 department. The department shall hold a public hearing on such
340 reports upon the request of any person. On or before August first of

341 each odd-numbered year, the department may request a gas company
342 to furnish to the department an updated report. A gas company shall
343 furnish any such updated report not later than sixty days following the
344 request of the department.

345 (b) [Not later than October 1, 2005, and annually thereafter] On or
346 before October first of each year, a gas company, as defined in section
347 16-1, shall submit to the Energy Conservation Management Board and
348 the Department of Public Utility Control a gas conservation plan, in
349 accordance with the provisions of [this section, to implement cost-
350 effective energy conservation programs and market transformation
351 initiatives. All supply and conservation and load management options
352 shall be evaluated and selected within an integrated supply and
353 demand planning framework. Such plan shall be funded during each
354 state fiscal year by the revenue from the tax imposed by section 12-264
355 on the gross receipts of sales of all public services companies that is in
356 excess of the revenue estimate for said tax that is approved by the
357 General Assembly in the appropriations act for such fiscal year,
358 provided the amount of such excess revenue that shall be allocated to
359 fund such plan in any state fiscal year shall not exceed ten million
360 dollars. Before the accounts for the General Fund have been closed for
361 each fiscal year, such excess revenue shall be deposited by the
362 Comptroller in an account held by the Energy Conservation
363 Management Board, established pursuant to section 16-245m, as
364 amended by this act. Services provided under the plan shall be
365 available to all gas company customers. Each gas company shall apply
366 to the Energy Conservation Management Board for reimbursement for
367 expenditures pursuant to the plan. The department shall, in an
368 uncontested proceeding during which the department may hold a
369 public hearing, approve, modify or reject the plan] section 3 of this act.

370 [(c) (1) The Energy Conservation Management Board shall advise
371 and assist each such gas company in the development and
372 implementation of the plan submitted under subsection (b) of this
373 section. Each program contained in the plan shall be reviewed by each

374 such gas company and shall be either accepted, modified or rejected by
375 the Energy Conservation Management Board before submission of the
376 plan to the department for approval. The Energy Conservation
377 Management Board shall, as part of its review, examine opportunities
378 to offer joint programs providing similar efficiency measures that save
379 more than one fuel resource or to otherwise coordinate programs
380 targeted at saving more than one fuel resource. Any costs for joint
381 programs shall be allocated equitably among the conservation
382 programs.

383 (2) Programs included in the plan shall be screened through cost-
384 effectiveness testing that compares the value and payback period of
385 program benefits to program costs to ensure that the programs are
386 designed to obtain gas savings whose value is greater than the costs of
387 the program. Program cost-effectiveness shall be reviewed annually by
388 the department, or otherwise as is practicable. If the department
389 determines that a program fails the cost-effectiveness test as part of the
390 review process, the program shall either be modified to meet the test
391 or be terminated. On or before January 1, 2007, and annually
392 thereafter, the board shall provide a report, in accordance with the
393 provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the
394 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy and
395 the environment, that documents expenditures and funding for such
396 programs and evaluates the cost-effectiveness of such programs
397 conducted in the preceding year, including any increased cost-
398 effectiveness owing to offering programs that save more than one fuel
399 resource.

400 (3) Programs included in the plan may include, but are not limited
401 to: (A) Conservation and load management programs, including
402 programs that benefit low-income individuals; (B) research,
403 development and commercialization of products or processes that are
404 more energy-efficient than those generally available; (C) development
405 of markets for such products and processes; (D) support for energy use
406 assessment, engineering studies and services related to new

407 construction or major building renovations; (E) the design,
408 manufacture, commercialization and purchase of energy-efficient
409 appliances, air conditioning and heating devices; (F) program planning
410 and evaluation; (G) joint fuel conservation initiatives and programs
411 targeted at saving more than one fuel resource; and (H) public
412 education regarding conservation. Such support may be by direct
413 funding, manufacturers' rebates, sale price and loan subsidies, leases
414 and promotional and educational activities. The plan shall also provide
415 for expenditures by the Energy Conservation Management Board for
416 the retention of expert consultants and reasonable administrative costs,
417 provided such consultants shall not be employed by, or have any
418 contractual relationship with, a gas company. Such costs shall not
419 exceed five per cent of the total cost of the plan.]

420 (c) Annually, each gas company shall provide documentation and
421 information for the consolidated report provided by the Energy
422 Conservation Management Board pursuant to section 4 of this act.

423 Sec. 7. Section 16-245m of the general statutes is repealed and the
424 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

425 (a) [(1)] On and after January 1, 2000, the Department of Public
426 Utility Control shall assess or cause to be assessed a charge of three
427 mills per kilowatt hour of electricity sold to each end use customer of
428 an electric distribution company to be used to implement the program
429 as provided in this section for conservation and load management
430 programs but not for the amortization of costs incurred prior to July 1,
431 1997, for such conservation and load management programs.

432 [(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, receipts from
433 such charge shall be disbursed to the resources of the General Fund
434 during the period from July 1, 2003, to June 30, 2005, unless the
435 department shall, on or before October 30, 2003, issue a financing order
436 for each affected electric distribution company in accordance with
437 sections 16-245e to 16-245k, inclusive, to sustain funding of
438 conservation and load management programs by substituting an

439 equivalent amount, as determined by the department in such financing
440 order, of proceeds of rate reduction bonds for disbursement to the
441 resources of the General Fund during the period from July 1, 2003, to
442 June 30, 2005. The department may authorize in such financing order
443 the issuance of rate reduction bonds that substitute for disbursement to
444 the General Fund for receipts of both the charge under this subsection
445 and under subsection (b) of section 16-245n, as amended by this act,
446 and also may, in its discretion, authorize the issuance of rate reduction
447 bonds under this subsection and subsection (b) of section 16-245n, as
448 amended by this act, that relate to more than one electric distribution
449 company. The department shall, in such financing order or other
450 appropriate order, offset any increase in the competitive transition
451 assessment necessary to pay principal, premium, if any, interest and
452 expenses of the issuance of such rate reduction bonds by making an
453 equivalent reduction to the charge imposed under this subsection,
454 provided any failure to offset all or any portion of such increase in the
455 competitive transition assessment shall not affect the need to
456 implement the full amount of such increase as required by this
457 subsection and by sections 16-245e to 16-245k, inclusive. Such
458 financing order shall also provide if the rate reduction bonds are not
459 issued, any unrecovered funds expended and committed by the
460 electric distribution companies for conservation and load management
461 programs, provided such expenditures were approved by the
462 department after August 20, 2003, and prior to the date of
463 determination that the rate reduction bonds cannot be issued, shall be
464 recovered by the companies from their respective competitive
465 transition assessment or systems benefits charge but such expenditures
466 shall not exceed four million dollars per month. All receipts from the
467 remaining charge imposed under this subsection, after reduction of
468 such charge to offset the increase in the competitive transition
469 assessment as provided in this subsection, shall be disbursed to the
470 Energy Conservation and Load Management Fund commencing as of
471 July 1, 2003. Any increase in the competitive transition assessment or
472 decrease in the conservation and load management component of an

473 electric distribution company's rates resulting from the issuance of or
474 obligations under rate reduction bonds shall be included as rate
475 adjustments on customer bills.]

476 (b) The electric distribution company shall establish an Energy
477 Conservation and Load Management Fund which shall be held
478 separate and apart from all other funds or accounts. The fund may
479 receive any amount required by law to be deposited into the fund and
480 may receive any federal or other funds as may become available for
481 conservation and load management and renewable resources. Receipts
482 from the charge imposed under subsection (a) of this section shall be
483 deposited into the fund. Any balance remaining in the fund at the end
484 of any fiscal year shall be carried forward in the fiscal year next
485 succeeding. Disbursements from the fund or its subaccount by electric
486 distribution companies to carry out the plan developed under
487 [subsection (d) of this] section 3 of this act shall be authorized by the
488 Department of Public Utility Control upon its approval of such plan.

489 [(c) The Department of Public Utility Control shall appoint and
490 convene an Energy Conservation Management Board which shall
491 include representatives of: (1) An environmental group knowledgeable
492 in energy conservation program collaboratives; (2) the Office of
493 Consumer Counsel; (3) the Attorney General; (4) the Department of
494 Environmental Protection; (5) the electric distribution companies in
495 whose territories the activities take place for such programs; (6) a state-
496 wide manufacturing association; (7) a chamber of commerce; (8) a
497 state-wide business association; (9) a state-wide retail organization;
498 (10) a representative of a municipal electric energy cooperative created
499 pursuant to chapter 101a; (11) two representatives selected by the gas
500 companies in this state; and (12) residential customers. Such members
501 shall serve for a period of five years and may be reappointed.
502 Representatives of the gas companies shall not vote on matters
503 unrelated to gas conservation. Representatives of the electric
504 distribution companies and the municipal electric energy cooperative
505 shall not vote on matters unrelated to electricity conservation.]

506 (c) On or before October first of each year, each electric distribution
507 company shall submit to the Energy Conservation Management Board
508 and the Department of Public Utility Control a conservation plan in
509 accordance with the provisions of section 3 of this act.

510 [(d) (1) The Energy Conservation Management Board shall advise
511 and assist the electric distribution companies in the development and
512 implementation of a comprehensive plan, which plan shall be
513 approved by the Department of Public Utility Control, to implement
514 cost-effective energy conservation programs and market
515 transformation initiatives. Each program contained in the plan shall be
516 reviewed by the electric distribution company and either accepted or
517 rejected by the Energy Conservation Management Board prior to
518 submission to the department for approval. The Energy Conservation
519 Management Board shall, as part of its review, examine opportunities
520 to offer joint programs providing similar efficiency measures that save
521 more than one fuel resource or otherwise to coordinate programs
522 targeted at saving more than one fuel resource. Any costs for joint
523 programs shall be allocated equitably among the conservation
524 programs. The Energy Conservation Management Board shall give
525 preference to projects that maximize the reduction of federally
526 mandated congestion charges. The Department of Public Utility
527 Control shall, in an uncontested proceeding during which the
528 department may hold a public hearing, approve, modify or reject the
529 comprehensive plan prepared pursuant to this subsection.

530 (2) There shall be a joint committee of the Energy Conservation
531 Management Board and the Renewable Energy Investments Board.
532 The board and the advisory committee shall each appoint members to
533 such joint committee. The joint committee shall examine opportunities
534 to coordinate the programs and activities funded by the Renewable
535 Energy Investment Fund pursuant to section 16-245n, as amended by
536 this act, with the programs and activities contained in the plan
537 developed under this subsection to reduce the long-term cost,
538 environmental impacts and security risks of energy in the state. Such

539 joint committee shall hold its first meeting on or before August 1, 2005.

540 (3) Programs included in the plan developed under subdivision (1)
541 of this subsection shall be screened through cost-effectiveness testing
542 which compares the value and payback period of program benefits to
543 program costs to ensure that programs are designed to obtain energy
544 savings and system benefits, including mitigation of federally
545 mandated congestion charges, whose value is greater than the costs of
546 the programs. Cost-effectiveness testing shall utilize available
547 information obtained from real-time monitoring systems to ensure
548 accurate validation and verification of energy use. Such testing shall
549 include an analysis of the effects of investments on increasing the
550 state's load factor. Program cost-effectiveness shall be reviewed
551 annually, or otherwise as is practicable. If a program is determined to
552 fail the cost-effectiveness test as part of the review process, it shall
553 either be modified to meet the test or shall be terminated. On or before
554 March 1, 2005, and on or before March first annually thereafter, the
555 board shall provide a report, in accordance with the provisions of
556 section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General
557 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy and the
558 environment (A) that documents expenditures and fund balances and
559 evaluates the cost-effectiveness of such programs conducted in the
560 preceding year, and (B) that documents the extent to and manner in
561 which the programs of such board collaborated and cooperated with
562 programs, established under section 7-233y, as amended by this act, of
563 municipal electric energy cooperatives. To maximize the reduction of
564 federally mandated congestion charges, programs in the plan may
565 allow for disproportionate allocations between the amount of
566 contributions to the Energy Conservation and Load Management
567 Funds by a certain rate class and the programs that benefit such a rate
568 class. Before conducting such evaluation, the board shall consult with
569 the Renewable Energy Investments Board. The report shall include a
570 description of the activities undertaken during the reporting period
571 jointly or in collaboration with the Renewable Energy Investment
572 Fund established pursuant to subsection (c) of section 16-245n, as

573 amended by this act.

574 (4) Programs included in the plan developed under subdivision (1)
575 of this subsection may include, but not be limited to: (A) Conservation
576 and load management programs, including programs that benefit low-
577 income individuals; (B) research, development and commercialization
578 of products or processes which are more energy-efficient than those
579 generally available; (C) development of markets for such products and
580 processes; (D) support for energy use assessment, real-time monitoring
581 systems, engineering studies and services related to new construction
582 or major building renovation; (E) the design, manufacture,
583 commercialization and purchase of energy-efficient appliances and
584 heating, air conditioning and lighting devices; (F) program planning
585 and evaluation; (G) indoor air quality programs relating to energy
586 conservation; (H) joint fuel conservation initiatives programs targeted
587 at reducing consumption of more than one fuel resource; (I) public
588 education regarding conservation; and (J) the demand-side technology
589 programs recommended by the procurement plan approved by the
590 Department of Public Utility Control pursuant to section 16a-3a. Such
591 support may be by direct funding, manufacturers' rebates, sale price
592 and loan subsidies, leases and promotional and educational activities.
593 The plan shall also provide for expenditures by the Energy
594 Conservation Management Board for the retention of expert
595 consultants and reasonable administrative costs provided such
596 consultants shall not be employed by, or have any contractual
597 relationship with, an electric distribution company. Such costs shall
598 not exceed five per cent of the total revenue collected from the
599 assessment.]

600 (d) Each electric distribution company shall annually provide
601 documentation and information for the consolidated report provided
602 by the Energy Conservation Management Board pursuant to section 4
603 of this act.

604 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (d),

605 inclusive, of this section, the Department of Public Utility Control shall
606 authorize the disbursement of a total of one million dollars in each
607 month, commencing with July, 2003, and ending with July, 2005, from
608 the Energy Conservation and Load Management Funds established
609 pursuant to said subsections. The amount disbursed from each Energy
610 Conservation and Load Management Fund shall be proportionately
611 based on the receipts received by each fund. Such disbursements shall
612 be deposited in the General Fund.

613 (f) No later than December 31, 2006, and no later than December
614 thirty-first every five years thereafter, the Energy Conservation
615 Management Board shall, after consulting with the Renewable Energy
616 Investments Board, conduct an evaluation of the performance of the
617 programs and activities of the fund and submit a report, in accordance
618 with the provisions of section 11-4a, of the evaluation to the joint
619 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
620 matters relating to energy.

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

622 Sec. 8. Section 16-245n of the general statutes is repealed and the
623 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

624 (a) For purposes of this section, "renewable energy" means solar
625 photovoltaic energy, solar thermal, geothermal energy, wind, ocean
626 thermal energy, wave or tidal energy, fuel cells, landfill gas,
627 hydropower that meets the low-impact standards of the Low-Impact
628 Hydropower Institute, hydrogen production and hydrogen conversion
629 technologies, low emission advanced biomass conversion technologies,
630 alternative fuels, used for electricity generation including ethanol,
631 biodiesel or other fuel produced in Connecticut and derived from
632 agricultural produce, food waste or waste vegetable oil, provided the
633 Commissioner of Environmental Protection determines that such fuels
634 provide net reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and fossil fuel
635 consumption, usable electricity from combined heat and power
636 systems with waste heat recovery systems, thermal storage systems

637 and other energy resources and emerging technologies which have
638 significant potential for commercialization and which do not involve
639 the combustion of coal, petroleum or petroleum products, municipal
640 solid waste or nuclear fission.

641 (b) On and after July 1, 2004, the Department of Public Utility
642 Control shall assess or cause to be assessed a charge of not less than
643 one mill per kilowatt hour charged to each end use customer of electric
644 services in this state which shall be deposited into the Renewable
645 Energy Investment Fund established under subsection (c) of this
646 section. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, receipts from
647 such charges shall be disbursed to the resources of the General Fund
648 during the period from July 1, 2003, to June 30, 2005, unless the
649 department shall, on or before October 30, 2003, issue a financing order
650 for each affected distribution company in accordance with sections 16-
651 245e to 16-245k, inclusive, to sustain funding of renewable energy
652 investment programs by substituting an equivalent amount, as
653 determined by the department in such financing order, of proceeds of
654 rate reduction bonds for disbursement to the resources of the General
655 Fund during the period from July 1, 2003, to June 30, 2005. The
656 department may authorize in such financing order the issuance of rate
657 reduction bonds that substitute for disbursement to the General Fund
658 for receipts of both charges under this subsection and subsection (a) of
659 section 16-245m, as amended by this act, and also may in its discretion
660 authorize the issuance of rate reduction bonds under this subsection
661 and subsection (a) of section 16-245m, as amended by this act, that
662 relate to more than one electric distribution company. The department
663 shall, in such financing order or other appropriate order, offset any
664 increase in the competitive transition assessment necessary to pay
665 principal, premium, if any, interest and expenses of the issuance of
666 such rate reduction bonds by making an equivalent reduction to the
667 charges imposed under this subsection, provided any failure to offset
668 all or any portion of such increase in the competitive transition
669 assessment shall not affect the need to implement the full amount of
670 such increase as required by this subsection and sections 16-245e to 16-

671 245k, inclusive. Such financing order shall also provide if the rate
672 reduction bonds are not issued, any unrecovered funds expended and
673 committed by the electric distribution companies for renewable
674 resource investment through deposits into the Renewable Energy
675 Investment Fund, provided such expenditures were approved by the
676 department following August 20, 2003, and prior to the date of
677 determination that the rate reduction bonds cannot be issued, shall be
678 recovered by the companies from their respective competitive
679 transition assessment or systems benefits charge except that such
680 expenditures shall not exceed one million dollars per month. All
681 receipts from the remaining charges imposed under this subsection,
682 after reduction of such charges to offset the increase in the competitive
683 transition assessment as provided in this subsection, shall be disbursed
684 to the Renewable Energy Investment Fund commencing as of July 1,
685 2003. Any increase in the competitive transition assessment or decrease
686 in the renewable energy investment component of an electric
687 distribution company's rates resulting from the issuance of or
688 obligations under rate reduction bonds shall be included as rate
689 adjustments on customer bills.

690 (c) There is hereby created a Renewable Energy Investment Fund
691 which shall be within Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated for
692 administrative purposes only. The fund may receive any amount
693 required by law to be deposited into the fund and may receive any
694 federal or other funds as may become available to the state for
695 renewable energy investments. Upon authorization of the Renewable
696 Energy Investments Board established pursuant to subsection (d) of
697 this section, Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated, may use any
698 amount in said fund for expenditures that (1) promote investment in
699 renewable energy sources in accordance with a comprehensive plan
700 developed by it to foster the growth, development and
701 commercialization of renewable energy sources [,] and related
702 enterprises, [and] (2) stimulate demand for renewable energy and
703 deployment of renewable energy sources that serve end use customers
704 in this state, [and for the further purpose of supporting] (3) support

705 operational demonstration projects for advanced technologies that
706 reduce energy use from traditional sources, and (4) ensure available
707 conservation and renewable resources programs are integrated, to the
708 extent practicable, to simplify consumer access to integrated services of
709 all available resources, minimize expenses in the administration of
710 each program and reduce environmental impacts and security risks of
711 energy in the state. Such expenditures may include, but not be limited
712 to, reimbursement for services provided by the administrator of the
713 fund including a management fee, disbursements from the fund to
714 develop and carry out the plan developed pursuant to subsection (d)
715 of this section, grants, direct or equity investments, contracts or other
716 actions which support research, development, manufacture,
717 commercialization, deployment and installation of renewable energy
718 technologies, and actions which expand the expertise of individuals,
719 businesses and lending institutions with regard to renewable energy
720 technologies.

721 (d) There is hereby created a Renewable Energy Investments Board
722 to act on matters related to the Renewable Energy Investment Fund,
723 including, but not limited to, development of a comprehensive plan
724 and expenditure of funds. The Renewable Energy Investments Board
725 shall, in such plan, give preference to projects that maximize the
726 reduction of federally mandated congestion charges. The Renewable
727 Energy Investments Board shall make a draft of the comprehensive
728 plan available for public comment for not less than thirty days. The
729 board shall conduct three public hearings in three different regions of
730 the state on the draft comprehensive plan and shall include a
731 summarization of all public comments received at said public hearings
732 in the final comprehensive plan approved by the board. The board
733 shall provide a copy of the comprehensive plan, in accordance with the
734 provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the
735 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy, the
736 environment and commerce and to the Energy Conservation
737 Management Board. The Department of Public Utility Control shall, in
738 an uncontested proceeding, during which the department may hold a

739 public hearing, approve, modify or reject the comprehensive plan
740 prepared pursuant to this subsection.

741 (e) The Renewable Energy Investments Board shall include not
742 more than [fifteen] sixteen individuals with knowledge and experience
743 in matters related to the purpose and activities of the Renewable
744 Energy Investment Fund. The board shall consist of the following
745 members: (1) One person with expertise regarding renewable energy
746 resources appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
747 (2) one person representing a state or regional organization primarily
748 concerned with environmental protection appointed by the president
749 pro tempore of the Senate; (3) one person with experience in business
750 or commercial investments appointed by the majority leader of the
751 House of Representatives; (4) one person representing a state or
752 regional organization primarily concerned with environmental
753 protection appointed by the majority leader of the Senate; (5) one
754 person with experience in business or commercial investments
755 appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives; (6)
756 the Commissioner of Emergency Management and Homeland Security
757 or the commissioner's designee; (7) one person with expertise
758 regarding renewable energy resources appointed by the Governor; (8)
759 two persons with experience in business or commercial investments
760 appointed by the board of directors of Connecticut Innovations,
761 Incorporated; (9) a representative of a state-wide business association,
762 manufacturing association or chamber of commerce appointed by the
763 minority leader of the Senate; (10) the Consumer Counsel; (11) the
764 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or the secretary's
765 designee; (12) the Commissioner of Environmental Protection or the
766 commissioner's designee; (13) a representative of organized labor
767 appointed by the Governor; [and] (14) a representative of residential
768 customers or low-income customers appointed by the Governor; and
769 (15) a representative of the Energy Conservation Management Board
770 selected by said board. On a biennial basis, the board shall elect a
771 chairperson and vice-chairperson from among its members and shall
772 adopt such bylaws and procedures it deems necessary to carry out its

773 functions. The board may establish committees and subcommittees as
774 necessary to conduct its business.

775 (f) The board shall [issue annually a report to the Department of
776 Public Utility Control reviewing the activities of the Renewable Energy
777 Investment Fund in detail and shall provide a copy of such report, in
778 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing
779 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
780 relating to energy and commerce and the Office of Consumer Counsel.
781 The report shall include a description of the programs and activities
782 undertaken during the reporting period jointly or in collaboration with
783 the Energy Conservation and Load Management Funds established
784 pursuant to section 16-245m] annually provide documentation and
785 information for the consolidated report provided by the Energy
786 Conservation Management Board pursuant to section 4 of this act.

787 [(g) There shall be a joint committee of the Energy Conservation
788 Management Board and the Renewable Energy Investments Board, as
789 provided in subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of section 16-245m.]

790 [(h)] (g) No later than December 31, 2006, and no later than
791 December thirty-first every five years thereafter, the board shall, after
792 consulting with the Energy Conservation Management Board, conduct
793 an evaluation of the performance of the programs and activities of the
794 fund and submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section
795 11-4a, of the evaluation to the joint standing committees of the General
796 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy and
797 commerce.

798 Sec. 9. Section 16a-41a of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes
799 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
800 *1, 2010*):

801 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall submit to the joint
802 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
803 energy planning and activities, appropriations, and human services the

804 following on the implementation of the block grant program
805 authorized under the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of
806 1981, as amended:

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

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

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

816 (C) A description of outreach efforts;

817 (D) Estimates of the total number of households eligible for
818 assistance under the program and the number of households in which
819 one or more elderly or physically disabled individuals eligible for
820 assistance reside; [and]

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

824 (F) The Department of Social Services' system for (i) identifying
825 households to which it provides cash, medical or food assistance that
826 may be eligible for conservation assistance through programs
827 developed pursuant to the comprehensive conservation plan approved
828 in accordance with section 3 of this act and sections 7-233y, 16-32f and
829 16-245m, as amended by this act; (ii) obtaining permission from such
830 households to transmit information regarding the households to such
831 conservation programs for purposes of facilitating provision of any
832 available conservation resource; and (iii) systematically transmitting
833 household information to such conservation programs when

834 permission has been obtained. Such system shall be part of the
835 department's application and periodic redetermination of eligibility
836 procedures and shall be developed in consultation with the Energy
837 Conservation Management Board;

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

840 (A) In each community action agency geographic area and
841 Department of Social Services region, the number of fuel assistance
842 applications filed, approved and denied, the number of emergency
843 assistance requests made, approved and denied and the number of
844 households provided weatherization assistance;

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

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

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

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

860 (B) Types of weatherization assistance provided;

861 (C) Percentage of weatherization assistance provided to tenants;

862 (D) The number of homeowners and tenants whose heat or total
863 energy costs are not included in their rent receiving fuel and
864 emergency assistance under the program by benefit level;

865 (E) The number of homeowners and tenants whose heat is included
866 in their rent and who are receiving assistance, by benefit level; [and]

867 (F) The number of households receiving assistance, by energy type
868 and total expenditures for each energy type; and

869 (G) The number of households to which it provides cash, medical or
870 food assistance and from which the Department of Social Services
871 obtained permission and transmitted information regarding the
872 households to conservation programs developed pursuant to the
873 comprehensive conservation plan approved in accordance with section
874 3 of this act and sections 7-233y, 16-32f and 16-245m, as amended by
875 this act.

876 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall implement a program
877 to purchase deliverable fuel for low-income households participating
878 in the Connecticut energy assistance program and the state-
879 appropriated fuel assistance program. The commissioner shall ensure
880 that no fuel vendor discriminates against fuel assistance program
881 recipients who are under the vendor's standard payment, delivery,
882 service or other similar plans. The commissioner may take advantage
883 of programs offered by fuel vendors that reduce the cost of the fuel
884 purchased, including, but not limited to, fixed price, capped price,
885 prepurchase or summer-fill programs that reduce program cost and
886 that make the maximum use of program revenues. As funding allows,
887 the commissioner shall ensure that all agencies administering the fuel
888 assistance program shall make payments to program fuel vendors in
889 advance of the delivery of energy where vendor provided price-
890 management strategies require payments in advance.

891 (c) Each community action agency administering a fuel assistance
892 program shall submit reports, as requested by the Commissioner of

893 Social Services, concerning pricing information from vendors of
894 deliverable fuel participating in the program. Such information shall
895 include, but not be limited to, the state-wide or regional retail price per
896 unit of deliverable fuel, the reduced price per unit paid by the state for
897 the deliverable fuel in utilizing price management strategies offered by
898 program vendors for all consumers, the number of units delivered to
899 the state under the program and the total savings under the program
900 due to the purchase of deliverable fuel utilizing price-management
901 strategies offered by program vendors for all consumers.

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

907 (e) The Commissioner of Social Services shall submit each plan or
908 report described in subsection (a) of this section to the Low-Income
909 Energy Advisory Board, established pursuant to section 16a-41b, not
910 later than seven days prior to submitting such plan or report to the
911 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
912 of matters relating to energy and technology, appropriations and
913 human services.

914 (f) Weatherization assistance funded or administered by or through
915 the Department of Social Services shall be integrated, to the extent
916 practicable, with conservation programs adopted pursuant to section 3
917 of this act and sections 7-233y, 16-32f and 16-245m, as amended by this
918 act, to simplify consumer access to integrated services of all available
919 resources and minimize expenses in the administration of each
920 program. The Commissioner of Social Services shall, at least one
921 month before adoption of any plan for expenditure of funds for
922 weatherization assistance or submission of such plan to the General
923 Assembly, any committees thereof or any federal agency, submit its
924 proposed plan to the Energy Conservation Management Board for

925 advice regarding such plan and integration of such weatherization
926 assistance with conservation programs contained in the
927 comprehensive conservation plan approved in accordance with said
928 section 3 and said sections 7-233y, 16-32f and 16-245m. The
929 commissioner shall provide a copy of any final weatherization
930 assistance plan before its implementation to such board and to the joint
931 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
932 matters relating to energy, the environment and human services and
933 shall simultaneously report the comments of the Energy Conservation
934 Management Board and the extent to which the weatherization
935 assistance is integrated with other available conservation programs, in
936 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a.

937 Sec. 10. Section 16-245z of the general statutes is repealed and the
938 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

939 [Not later than October 1, 2005, the] The Department of Public
940 Utility Control, and the Energy Conservation Management Board,
941 established in section [16-245m,] 1 of this act, the Renewable Energy
942 Resources Board established pursuant to section 16-245n, as amended
943 by this act, each electric distribution company, each gas company and
944 each municipal electric utility to the extent programs may be available
945 to their customers shall establish links on their Internet web sites to
946 web sites for conservation and renewable resources programs in the
947 comprehensive conservation plan approved in accordance with section
948 3 of this act and sections 7-233y, 16-32f and 16-245n, as amended by
949 this act, and web sites for other conservation assistance that may be
950 available to Connecticut residents, including rebate programs and tax
951 exemptions or reductions and the Energy Star program or successor
952 program that promotes energy efficiency and each electric distribution
953 company shall establish a link under its conservation programs on its
954 Internet web site to the Energy Star program or such successor
955 program.

956 Sec. 11. Subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of section 4-73 of the

957 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
 958 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

959 (2) In addition, the supporting schedule of agency energy costs shall
 960 be supported by a statement of the agency's plans for energy
 961 conservation in each fiscal year of the ensuing biennium, and a
 962 statement of the progress the agency has made in the last-completed
 963 fiscal year concerning energy conservation. For the biennium
 964 commencing July 1, 2010, and each biennium thereafter, the Office of
 965 Policy and Management shall submit, in accordance with the
 966 provisions of section 11-4a, such supporting schedule to the joint
 967 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
 968 matters relating to energy, the environment and commerce.

969 Sec. 12. Sections 7-233z and 16a-22l of the general statutes and
 970 subsections (e) and (f) of section 16-245m of the general statutes are
 971 repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2010*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	7-233y
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	16-32f
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	16-245m
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	16-245n
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	16a-41a
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	16-245z
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	4-73(c)(2)
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	Repealer section

Statement of Purpose:

To coordinate and centralize energy efficiency programs.

[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.]