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Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced by:
(ET)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE LOW-INCOME ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD.

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

1 Section 1. Section 16a-41b of the 2010 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

4 (a) There shall be a Low-Income Energy Advisory Board which shall
5 consist of the following members: The [Secretary of the Office of Policy
6 and Management or the secretary's designee; the Commissioner of
7 Social Services or the commissioner's designee; the] executive director
8 of the Commission on Aging; a representative of each electric and gas
9 public service company designated by each such company; [the
10 chairperson of the Department of Public Utility Control or a
11 commissioner of the Department of Public Utility Control designated
12 by the chairperson;] the Consumer Counsel or the counsel's designee;
13 the executive director of Operation Fuel; the executive director of
14 Infoline; the director of the Connecticut Local Administrators of Social
15 Services; the executive director of Legal Assistance Resource Center of
16 Connecticut; the Connecticut president of AARP; a designee of the

17 Norwich Public Utility; a designee of the Connecticut Petroleum
18 Dealers Association; and a representative of the community action
19 agencies administering energy assistance programs under contract
20 with the Department of Social Services, designated by the Connecticut
21 Association for Community Action. The Secretary of the Office of
22 Policy and Management, the Commissioner of Social Services and the
23 chairperson of the Department of Public Utility Control, or their
24 designees, shall serve as ex-officio members of the board.

25 (b) The Low-Income Energy Advisory Board shall advise and assist
26 the Office of Policy and Management and the Department of Social
27 Services in the planning, development, implementation and
28 coordination of energy-assistance-related programs and policies and
29 low-income weatherization assistance programs and policies, shall
30 advise the Department of Public Utility Control regarding the impact
31 of utility rates and policies, and shall make recommendations to the
32 General Assembly regarding (1) legislation and plans subject to
33 legislative approval, and (2) administration of the block grant program
34 authorized under the Low-Income Energy Assistance Act, as described
35 in section 16a-41a, to ensure affordable access to residential energy
36 services to low-income state residents.

37 (c) [The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or the
38 person designated by the secretary pursuant to subsection (a) of this
39 section shall be the chairperson of the board.] On an annual basis, the
40 board shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson from among its
41 members.

42 (d) [The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall
43 convene the first meeting of the board not later than August 1, 2005.
44 The secretary shall provide notice of meetings to the members of Low-
45 Income Energy Advisory Board, provide space for such meetings,
46 maintain minutes and publish reports of the board.] The Low-Income
47 Energy Advisory Board shall be within the Office of Policy and
48 Management for administrative purposes only.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2010	16a-41b
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Statement of Purpose:

To make the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, the Commissioner of Social Services and the chairperson of the Department of Public Utility Control ex-officio members of the Low-Income Advisory Board and to have board members elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson annually.

[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.]