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Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

**AN ACT PROMOTING THE USE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY AT
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.**

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2013*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Correction may conduct a pilot program at one or more correctional
3 facilities to provide for the use of renewable sources of energy,
4 including solar, wind, water and biomass sources, for use in space
5 heating and cooling, domestic hot water and other applications. If the
6 commissioner conducts such pilot program, the commissioner shall
7 determine the appropriate correctional facility for such pilot program
8 after considering the nature of the inmate population at each
9 correctional facility, the topography of the area of the correctional
10 facility, the impact on the municipality where the correctional facility
11 is located and the impact on local wildlife. Any energy produced
12 under the pilot program shall be allocated to the correctional facility,
13 and any excess energy shall be allocated for the benefit of the
14 municipality where the correctional facility is located.
- 15 (b) The commissioner shall conduct any such pilot program within

16 available resources, and may apply for grants or financial assistance
17 from any person, group of persons or corporation or from any agency
18 of the state or of the United States.

19 (c) Not later than one year after any pilot program established
20 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section is operational, the
21 Commissioner of Correction shall submit a report on the pilot program
22 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
23 cognizance of matters relating to energy, judiciary and appropriations.
24 The report shall indicate the amount of energy produced under the
25 pilot program, the amount of energy costs savings, an estimate of the
26 energy benefit to the municipality where the correctional facility is
27 located, and a summary of feedback received by the commissioner
28 concerning the pilot program. The report shall be submitted in
29 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To encourage the use of renewable energy at correctional facilities by permitting the Commissioner of Correction to establish a pilot program to provide for the use of such energy.

[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.]