



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 541**

January Session, 2015

Senate Bill No. 140

*Senate, April 8, 2015*

The Committee on Energy and Technology reported through SEN. DOYLE of the 9th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT REQUIRING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY TO INITIATE A DOCKET REGARDING RATEPAYER SAVINGS UNDER RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAMS.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2015*) (a) The Public Utilities Regulatory  
2 Authority shall initiate a docket to review and provide guidance  
3 regarding: (1) Renewable energy programs pursuant to titles 16 and  
4 16a of the general statutes, (2) the renewable portfolio standards  
5 pursuant to section 16-245a of the general statutes, (3) long-term  
6 contracts regarding zero emission generation projects pursuant to  
7 section 16-244r of the general statutes, (4) zero emission generation  
8 projects pursuant to section 16-244s of the general statutes, and (5)  
9 power purchase contracts regarding low-emission generation projects  
10 pursuant to section 16-244t of the general statutes.

11 (b) The authority shall, in the docket initiated pursuant to  
12 subsection (a) of this section, review and determine: (1) Whether the  
13 general statutes require public service companies to commit company

14 investment to duplicative renewable energy programs that are  
 15 indistinguishable in purpose and result, (2) whether the renewable  
 16 energy programs as required pursuant to titles 16 and 16a of the  
 17 general statutes are effective in achieving ratepayer savings, (3)  
 18 whether long-term contracts such as those required pursuant to section  
 19 16-244r of the general statutes are causing high prices for ratepayers  
 20 and electric distribution companies, and (4) the cost for a public service  
 21 company to reach compliance under the renewable portfolio standards  
 22 without the existence of the requirements mandated by sections 16-  
 23 244r, 16-244s and 16-244t of the general statutes.

24 (c) Not later than July 1, 2016, the authority shall submit a report  
 25 identifying its guidance pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and  
 26 any recommendations concerning legislative changes necessary to  
 27 ensure ratepayer savings to the joint standing committee of the  
 28 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy and  
 29 technology.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section

**ET**            *Joint Favorable*

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***OFA Fiscal Note******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill, which requires the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) to initiate a docket to review ratepayer savings under renewable energy programs, has no fiscal impact.

***The Out Years******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY:**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable

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