



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 566**

February Session, 2016

Substitute House Bill No. 5509

*House of Representatives, April 11, 2016*

The Committee on Energy and Technology reported through REP. REED of the 102nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY REGARDING ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The chairperson of the Public  
2 Utilities Regulatory Authority shall conduct a study regarding electric  
3 distribution companies in the state. Such study shall: (1) For an electric  
4 distribution company that has a service area of eighteen or more  
5 towns, provide an analysis and comparison of the staffing levels,  
6 including, but not limited to, the number of electric service  
7 lineworkers, that such electric distribution company maintains in  
8 Connecticut and in other states, including, but not limited to,  
9 Massachusetts; (2) provide an analysis of the impact on service to  
10 customers as a result of the closure of any electric distribution  
11 company service center that has occurred since January 1, 2010, and  
12 the potential impact on service to customers as a result of any  
13 scheduled, planned or otherwise announced closure of any electric  
14 distribution company service centers; (3) provide an analysis of the

15 terms and requirements of any merger agreement in which any electric  
 16 distribution company was involved since January 1, 2010, and the  
 17 extent to which such electric distribution company has complied with  
 18 such terms and requirements; and (4) provide an analysis of the  
 19 findings and recommendations of the Governor's Two Storm Panel, as  
 20 described in the Report of the Two Storm Panel, an analysis of how  
 21 such findings and recommendations apply to electric distribution  
 22 companies, and an analysis of the extent to which electric distribution  
 23 companies have followed such recommendations.

24 (b) Not later than January 1, 2017, the chairperson of the Public  
 25 Utilities Regulatory Authority, in accordance with section 11-4a of the  
 26 general statutes, shall report the results of the study conducted  
 27 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to the joint standing  
 28 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
 29 relating to energy and technology.

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

**ET**            *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

The bill requires the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) to conduct a study regarding electric distribution companies in the state. As PURA currently has staff with expertise in this area, there is no fiscal impact anticipated.

***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 Substitute

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