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Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE NUCLEAR SAFETY EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 28-31 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2016*):

4 (b) Moneys in the account shall be expended by the Commissioner
5 of Emergency Services and Public Protection, in conjunction with the
6 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, only to
7 support the activities of a nuclear safety emergency preparedness
8 program and only in accordance with the plan approved by the
9 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management under subsection (c)
10 of this section. The program shall include, but not necessarily be
11 limited to: (1) Development of a detailed fixed facility nuclear
12 emergency response plan for areas surrounding each nuclear electrical
13 generation facility and each away-from-reactor spent fuel storage
14 facility, (2) annual training of state and local emergency response
15 personnel, (3) development of accident scenarios and exercising of

16 fixed facility nuclear emergency response plans, (4) provision of
17 specialized response equipment necessary to accomplish this task, (5)
18 support for the operations and personal services costs of the
19 radiological instrument maintenance and calibration facility, as
20 necessary to replace any reduction in current federal funding, (6)
21 establishment of a monitoring network for areas surrounding each
22 nuclear generating facility, (7) a grant program to help train and retain
23 local emergency response personnel for the radiation professional
24 volunteer program created pursuant to subdivision (2) of this
25 subsection, and [(6)] (8) any other measures as may be required by the
26 Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Federal Emergency
27 Management Agency of the United States Department of Homeland
28 Security. Moneys in the account shall be distributed as follows to carry
29 out the purposes of the program: The Commissioner of Emergency
30 Services and Public Protection may expend not more than twenty-five
31 per cent of the proceeds of the maximum annual assessment for
32 administrative functions incident to the program. The Commissioner
33 of Emergency Services and Public Protection may expend such
34 additional funds as are necessary to assure and maintain emergency
35 operations center capabilities and specialized response equipment
36 necessary to implement the fixed facility nuclear emergency response
37 plans. The remaining moneys in the account may be allocated to other
38 state agencies and used to reimburse municipalities for costs incurred
39 in the purchase and maintenance of equipment and for services
40 rendered in carrying out the purposes of the program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2016	28-31(b)

Statement of Purpose:

To assure Connecticut's standards under its Radiological Emergency Preparedness and Response program and incorporate certain recommendations of the National Research Council.

[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.]