

**Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 5509**

LCO No. 3470

**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