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Substitute House Bill No. 5345

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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 THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY TO INITIATE A DOCKET TO STUDY THE REPLACEMENT OF LEAD SERVICE LINES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section:

3 (1) "Customer" means a customer of a water company;

4 (2) "Customer lead service line" means the portion of a lead service
5 line that is owned by the customer, located between the curb stop and
6 the building owned or occupied by the customer;

7 (3) "Lead service line" means a service line that contains lead;

8 (4) "Lead service line replacement plan" means a plan developed by
9 a water company to replace customer lead service lines;

10 (5) "Service line" means the service pipe from the main to the curb

11 stop, at or adjacent to the street line or the customer's property line and
12 such other valves and fittings as the utility may require at or between
13 the main and the curb stop, including the curb stop, but not including
14 the curb box; and

15 (6) "Water company" has the same meaning as provided in section
16 16-1 of the general statutes.

17 (b) The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority shall initiate a docket
18 to study the replacement of lead service lines in the state. On or before
19 November 1, 2018, the authority shall submit, in accordance with the
20 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, a report to the joint
21 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
22 matters relating to energy containing its review and any
23 recommendations.

24 (c) The authority shall, in the docket initiated pursuant to subsection
25 (b) of this section, review and make recommendations regarding lead
26 service line replacement plans, the identification of lead service lines,
27 including customer lead service lines, and the potential cost, including
28 costs to customers, for the replacement of lead service lines.

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

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The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

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

The bill, which requires the Public Utility Regulatory Authority (PURA) to initiate a docket, has no fiscal impact. PURA currently has expertise for this purpose.

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

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5345*****AN ACT REQUIRING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY TO INITIATE A DOCKET TO STUDY THE REPLACEMENT OF LEAD SERVICE LINES.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) to initiate a proceeding to study replacing lead-containing water service lines. PURA must review and make recommendations on (1) identifying lead service lines, including lead service lines owned by customers of PURA-regulated water companies; (2) the potential costs for replacing them, including customer costs; and (3) lead service line replacement plans. It must submit its review and recommendations to the Energy and Technology Committee by November 1, 2018.

The following definitions apply under the bill:

1. "customer" is a customer of a PURA-regulated (i.e., investor-owned) water company;
2. "service line" is the service pipe from the water main to the curb stop, at or adjacent to the street line or the customer's property line, and other utility-required valves and fittings at or between the main and the curb stop, including the curb stop, but excluding the curb box;
3. "customer lead service line" is the customer-owned portion of a service line that contains lead, located between the curb stop and the customer's building; and
4. "lead service line replacement plan" is a plan to replace customer lead service lines developed by a PURA-regulated water company.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 24 Nay 1 (03/20/2018)