AN ACT CONCERNING A GREEN ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2019) (a) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, in consultation with the procurement manager identified in subsection (l) of section 16-2 of the general statutes, the Office of Consumer Counsel and the Attorney General, shall solicit proposals, in one solicitation or multiple solicitations, from providers of energy derived from anaerobic digestion.

(b) If the commissioner finds such proposals to be in the interest of ratepayers, including, but not limited to, the delivered price of such sources, and consistent with the requirements to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in accordance with section 22a-200a of the general statutes, and in accordance with the policy goals outlined in the Comprehensive Energy Strategy, adopted pursuant to section 16a-3d of the general statutes, the commissioner may select proposals from such resources that have a total nameplate capacity rating of not more than ten megawatts in the aggregate. The commissioner may, on behalf
of all customers of electric distribution companies, direct the electric
distribution companies to enter into power purchase agreements for
energy, capacity and environmental attributes, or any combination
thereof, for periods of not more than twenty years.

(c) Certificates issued by the New England Power Pool Generation
Information System procured by an electric distribution company
pursuant to this section may be: (1) Sold into the New England Power
Pool Generation Information System renewable energy credit market
to be used by any electric supplier or electric distribution company to
meet the requirements of section 16-245a of the general statutes,
provided the revenues from such sale are credited to electric
distribution company customers as described in this section; or (2)
retained by the electric distribution company to meet the requirements
of section 16-245a of the general statutes. In considering whether to sell
or retain such certificates, the company shall select the option that is in
the best interest of such company's ratepayers.

(d) Any such agreement shall be subject to review and approval by
the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, which review shall
commence upon the filing of the signed power purchase agreement
with the authority. The authority shall issue a decision on such
agreement not later than forty-five days after such filing. In the event
the authority does not issue a decision within forty-five days after such
agreement is filed with the authority, the agreement shall be deemed
approved.

(e) The net costs of any such agreement, including costs incurred by
the electric distribution company under the agreement and reasonable
costs incurred by the electric distribution company in connection with
the agreement, shall be recovered on a timely basis through a fully
reconciling component of electric rates for all customers of the electric
distribution company. Any net revenues from the sale of products
purchased in accordance with long-term contracts entered into
pursuant to this section shall be credited to customers through the
same fully reconciling rate component for all customers of the contracting electric distribution company.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (Effective from passage) (a) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall conduct a study to determine what the return on investment to the state would be if the provisions of section 16a-37u of the general statutes were fully implemented. Such study shall include the projected return on investment.

(b) On or before January 1, 2020, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, shall report the results of the study conducted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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**Statement of Purpose:**
To authorize the procurement of energy derived from anaerobic digestion and to require the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management to study the return on investment from fully implementing certain provisions of the general statutes.

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