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"AN ACT CONCERNING EMERGENCY RESPONSE BY ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES, THE REGULATION OF OTHER PUBLIC UTILITIES AND NEXUS PROVISIONS FOR CERTAIN DISASTER-RELATED OR EMERGENCY-RELATED WORK PERFORMED IN THE STATE."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2021*) (a) There is established a
4 task force to study (1) how the market serviced by each electric
5 distribution company, as defined in section 16-1 of the general statutes,
6 may be reconstituted in order to be more accountable to ratepayers and
7 more responsive to ratepayer needs, and (2) the introduction of
8 competition in the electric transmission or distribution services industry
9 in Connecticut. Such study shall include, but need not be limited to, an
10 evaluation concerning the costs of acquiring electric transmission or
11 distribution services infrastructure from each electric distribution

12 company.

13 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

14 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
15 who shall be a representative from a retail electric supplier;

16 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who
17 shall be a ratepayer from the Eversource Energy service area;

18 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
19 Representatives, who shall be a ratepayer from the United Illuminating
20 Company service area;

21 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be
22 a representative from a municipal electric company;

23 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
24 Representatives, who shall have expertise in the electric transmission or
25 distribution services industry;

26 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be
27 a representative from a ratepayer advocacy group;

28 (7) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
29 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
30 relating to energy, or their designees;

31 (8) One representative from the regional independent system
32 operator, as defined in section 16-1 of the general statutes;

33 (9) One representative from the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority;
34 and

35 (10) One representative from the Office of Consumer Counsel.

36 (c) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
37 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
38 be filled by the appointing authority.

39 (d) The chairperson of the task force shall be selected by the members
 40 of the task force. Such chairperson shall schedule the first meeting of the
 41 task force, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective
 42 date of this section.

43 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
 44 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy shall
 45 serve as administrative staff of the task force.

46 (f) Not later than October 1, 2021, the task force shall submit a report
 47 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
 48 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy,
 49 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.
 50 The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or
 51 October 1, 2021, whichever is later."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	January 1, 2021	New section