



PA 22-105—sHB 5342

Human Services Committee

AN ACT CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP OF THE LOW-INCOME ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD

SUMMARY: This act increases the Low-Income Energy Advisory Board's membership by six members. Specifically, it increases, from one to two, the number of community action agency representatives on the board as designated by the Connecticut Association for Community Action. It also adds the following five members:

1. the Connecticut Fair Housing Center, Center for Children's Advocacy, and Connecticut Green Building Council executive directors and
2. two water company representatives designated by the Connecticut Water Works Association.

By law, and under the act, a water company is generally any entity that owns, maintains, operates, manages, controls, or employs any pond, lake, reservoir, well, stream, or distributing plant or system that supplies water to two or more consumers (generally, buildings) or 25 or more people on a regular basis (CGS § 25-32a).

The act also makes a minor change to include on the board the AARP Connecticut state director, rather than its Connecticut president.

By law, the board advises executive branch agencies on developing, planning, implementing, and coordinating energy-assistance-related programs and policies. The board also (1) advises the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) on the impacts of utility rates and policies and (2) makes recommendations to the legislature on administering the federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program block grant. The board includes representatives from (1) executive branch agencies (i.e., DEEP, the Office of Policy and Management, the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, and the Department of Social Services); (2) electric and gas utilities; and (3) advocacy and nonprofit organizations (CGS § 16a-41b).

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