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Committee Bill No. 6497

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Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:
(ET)

**AN ACT CONCERNING A CONNECTICUT ENERGY DATA ACCESS
BILL OF RIGHTS.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) (a) There is established an
2 energy data access bill of rights to guarantee that residents of the state
3 have access to high-quality data relevant to the state's climate goals and
4 renewable energy targets. The rights afforded such residents, as set forth
5 in subsection (b) of this section, shall be available only to the extent that
6 such rights are implemented in accordance with other provisions of the
7 general statutes, state policies, procedures and regulations, federal law,
8 the Constitution of the state and the Constitution of the United States.

9 (b) Each resident of the state has the right to: (1) View data collected
10 by the Office of Policy and Management concerning the state's building
11 stock, including each such building's heating system type and fuel type
12 used for heating; (2) view data collected by the Department of Motor
13 Vehicles concerning vehicles registered in the state, including such
14 vehicles' system of propulsion; (3) view a complete list of facilities in the
15 state that are: (A) Class I renewable energy sources, as defined in section
16 16-1 of the general statutes, and (B) connected to the electric distribution

17 system; (4) view a complete list of energy storage projects in the state
18 that are connected to the electric distribution system; (5) access a public
19 Internet web site and centralized database containing the data specified
20 in subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive, of this section; and (6) (A) view the
21 resident's own energy usage data that is collected by any electric
22 distribution company providing service to such resident's premises, and
23 (B) distribute such data to any other person.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To guarantee public access to the data needed to set informed climate targets and accurately monitor progress against such targets.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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