



General Assembly

Proposed Bill No. 328

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Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY.

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

1 That the general statutes be amended in the following ways: (1) To
2 reorganize the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority as an independent
3 agency and provide it with an appropriate staffing level for managing
4 rate cases and responding to consumer complaints against utility
5 companies; (2) to require the authority to submit to the legislature (A)
6 quarterly reports on all upcoming and ongoing rate cases, and (B) the
7 details of any proposed settlement agreement of an authority
8 proceeding; (3) to ensure that the authority considers the costs to the end
9 user or consumer in all rate cases or settlements of rate cases; (4) to
10 provide the authority with powers for holding utilities accountable
11 during outages; and (5) to require the authority to examine electric grid
12 transmission and connectivity issues, provide a summary of such issues,
13 and ensure that the electric distribution companies have plans to
14 address them.

Statement of Purpose:

To make the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority a stand-alone agency, increase staffing, increase communication with the legislative branch, ensure end consumer costs are considered in rate cases and settlements, and address outage and grid connectivity problems.