



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5438**

LCO No. 1924



Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:  
(ET)

**AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY EFFICIENCY FUNDING AND PROGRAMS.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) Notwithstanding any provision of  
2 section 16-245m of the general statutes, for the fiscal year ending June  
3 30, 2025, the chairperson of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority  
4 shall direct the gas and electric distribution companies, as such terms  
5 are defined in section 16-1 of the general statutes, to expand the energy  
6 efficiency programs identified in the most recent Conservation and  
7 Load Management Plan approved pursuant to section 16-245m of the  
8 general statutes, using funds appropriated to the Department of Energy  
9 and Environmental Protection for such purpose. The Department of  
10 Energy and Environmental Protection shall transfer such funds to such  
11 companies to implement the provisions of this section. Such companies  
12 shall maintain detailed records of the expenditure of such funds and  
13 make such records available to the chairperson on demand. Any funds  
14 used for energy efficiency programs in accordance with this section shall  
15 be considered funding from the Conservation and Load Management  
16 Plan for purposes of subsections (d) and (e) of section 16-243v of the

17 general statutes. No gas or electric distribution company may recover  
18 such funds through a conservation adjustment mechanism described in  
19 subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 16-245m of the general  
20 statutes.

21 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) The Commissioner of Energy and  
22 Environmental Protection shall study the performance and funding  
23 structure of energy efficiency and demand management programs that  
24 the electric distribution companies administer pursuant to the  
25 Conservation and Load Management Plan. Such study shall include, but  
26 need not be limited to: (1) A summary of how funds for such programs  
27 are used; (2) an analysis of the extent to which such programs have  
28 reduced energy demand or will reduce energy demand in the future; (3)  
29 an examination of whether the current funding level for such programs  
30 is adequate to meet the state's needs; (4) a cost-benefit analysis for such  
31 programs; and (5) an examination of whether part or all of the funds  
32 used for such programs should be managed by an entity other than an  
33 electric distribution company. Not later than January 1, 2025, the  
34 commissioner shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section  
35 11-4a of the general statutes, the results of the study, including any  
36 recommendations, to the joint standing committee of the General  
37 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy and  
38 technology.

39 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) The sum of one hundred forty-five  
40 million dollars is appropriated to the Department of Energy and  
41 Environmental Protection, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year  
42 ending June 30, 2025, for energy efficiency programs identified in the  
43 Conservation and Load Management Plan.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To (1) make appropriations to energy efficiency programs identified in the Conservation and Load Management Plan, and (2) study the current structure and effectiveness of energy efficiency funding in the state.

*[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.]*