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AN ACT CONCERNING VIRTUAL NET METERING CREDITS FOR
MANUFACTURERS IN DISTRESSED MUNICIPALITIES.

AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

Savings

The amendment increases the existing annual cap on virtual net metering credits from \$20 million to \$50 million, resulting in savings to participating municipalities and state agencies from applying such credits towards their electric utility costs. The underlying bill designates \$10 million of the amount to manufacturers located in distressed municipalities, therefore leaving the remaining \$40 million in credits available to municipalities or state agencies as potential savings.

Under current law, municipalities and state agencies are limited to 40% of total credits under the cap. For example, the amendment would increase the total amount of available credits to municipalities from \$8 million (40% of \$20 million) to \$16 million (40% of \$40 million).

The amendment is anticipated to increase the number of municipalities that participate in the virtual net metering program. Towns not yet participating have not had a financial incentive while the cap was being met.

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