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Introduced by:

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***AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE STATE'S  
NONRESIDENTIAL RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAM AND SHARED  
CLEAN ENERGY FACILITY PROGRAM.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 16-244z of the 2024 supplement to the general  
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
3 (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

4 (a) (1) (A) On or before September 1, 2018, the Public Utilities  
5 Regulatory Authority shall initiate a proceeding to establish a  
6 procurement plan for each electric distribution company pursuant to  
7 this subsection and may give a preference to technologies  
8 manufactured, researched or developed in the state, provided such  
9 procurement plan is consistent with and contributes to the requirements  
10 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in accordance with section 22a-  
11 200a. Each electric distribution company shall develop such  
12 procurement plan in consultation with the Department of Energy and  
13 Environmental Protection and shall submit such procurement plan to  
14 the authority not later than sixty days after the authority initiates the

15 proceeding pursuant to this subdivision, provided the department shall  
16 submit the program requirements pursuant to subparagraph (C) of this  
17 subdivision on or before July 1, 2019. The authority may require such  
18 electric distribution companies to conduct separate solicitations  
19 pursuant to subdivision (4) of this subsection for the resources in  
20 subparagraphs (A), (B) and (C) of said subdivision, including separate  
21 solicitations based upon the size of such resources to allow for a  
22 diversity of selected projects.

23 (B) On or before September 1, 2018, the authority shall initiate a  
24 proceeding to establish tariffs that provide for twenty-year terms of  
25 service described in subdivision (3) of this subsection for each electric  
26 distribution company pursuant to subparagraphs (A) and (B) of  
27 subdivision (2) of this subsection. In such proceeding, the authority shall  
28 establish the period of time that will be used for calculating the net  
29 amount of energy produced by a facility and not consumed, provided  
30 the authority shall assess whether to incorporate time-of-use rates or  
31 other dynamic pricing and such period of time shall be either (i) in real  
32 time, (ii) in one day, (iii) in any fraction of a day not to exceed one day,  
33 or (iv) in any period of time greater than one day up to and including  
34 one month. In such proceeding, the authority shall consider the findings  
35 of the study of the value of distributed energy resources conducted  
36 pursuant to section 16a-3o. The rate for such tariffs shall be established  
37 by the solicitation pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection.

38 (C) On or before September 1, 2018, the Department of Energy and  
39 Environmental Protection shall (i) initiate a proceeding to develop  
40 program requirements and tariff proposals for shared clean energy  
41 facilities eligible pursuant to subparagraph (C) of subdivision (2) of this  
42 subsection, including, but not limited to, the requirements in  
43 subdivision (6) of this subsection, and (ii) establish either or both of the  
44 following tariff proposals: (I) A tariff proposal that includes a price cap  
45 on a cents-per-kilowatt-hour basis for any procurement for such  
46 resources based on the procurement results of any other procurement  
47 issued pursuant to this subsection, and (II) a tariff proposal that includes  
48 a tariff rate for customers eligible under subparagraph (C) of

49 subdivision (2) of this subsection based on energy policy goals identified  
50 by the department in the Comprehensive Energy Strategy pursuant to  
51 section 16a-3d. On or before July 1, 2019, the department shall submit  
52 any such program requirements and tariff proposals to the authority for  
53 review and approval. On or before January 1, 2020, the authority shall  
54 approve or modify such program requirements and tariff proposals  
55 submitted by the department. If the authority approves two tariff  
56 proposals pursuant to this subparagraph, the authority shall determine  
57 how much of the total compensation authorized for customers eligible  
58 under this subparagraph pursuant to subparagraph (A) of subdivision  
59 (1) of subsection (c) of this section shall be available under each tariff.

60 (2) Not less than once per year, each electric distribution company  
61 shall jointly or individually solicit and file with the Public Utilities  
62 Regulatory Authority for its approval one or more projects selected  
63 resulting from any procurement issued pursuant to subdivision (1) of  
64 this subsection that are consistent with the tariffs approved by the  
65 authority pursuant to subparagraphs (B) and (C) of subdivision (1) of  
66 this subsection and that are applicable to (A) customers that own or  
67 develop new generation projects on a customer's own premises that are  
68 less than five megawatts in size, serve the distribution system of an  
69 electric distribution company, are constructed after the solicitation  
70 conducted pursuant to subdivision (4) of this subsection to which the  
71 customer is responding, and use a Class I renewable energy source that  
72 either (i) uses anaerobic digestion, or (ii) has emissions of no more than  
73 0.07 pounds per megawatt-hour of nitrogen oxides, 0.10 pounds per  
74 megawatt-hour of carbon monoxide, 0.02 pounds per megawatt-hour of  
75 volatile organic compounds and one grain per one hundred standard  
76 cubic feet, (B) customers that own or develop new generation projects  
77 on a customer's own premises that are less than five megawatts in size,  
78 serve the distribution system of an electric distribution company, are  
79 constructed after the solicitation conducted pursuant to subdivision (4)  
80 of this subsection to which the customer is responding, and use a Class  
81 I renewable energy source that emits no pollutants, and (C) customers  
82 that own or develop new generation projects that are a shared clean

83 energy facility, consistent with the program requirements developed  
84 pursuant to subparagraph (C) of subdivision (1) of this subsection. For  
85 purposes of this section, "shared clean energy facility" means a Class I  
86 renewable energy source, as defined in section 16-1, that (i) is served by  
87 an electric distribution company, as defined in section 16-1, (ii) has a  
88 nameplate capacity rating of five megawatts or less, and (iii) has at least  
89 two subscribers. Any project that is eligible pursuant to subparagraph  
90 (C) of this subdivision shall not be eligible pursuant to subparagraph  
91 (A) or (B) of this subdivision.

92 (3) A customer that is eligible pursuant to subparagraph (A) or (B) of  
93 subdivision (2) of this subsection may elect in any such solicitation to  
94 utilize either (A) a tariff for the purchase of all energy and renewable  
95 energy certificates on a cents-per-kilowatt-hour basis, or (B) a tariff for  
96 the purchase of any energy produced by a facility and not consumed in  
97 the period of time established by the authority pursuant to  
98 subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection and all renewable  
99 energy certificates generated by such facility on a cents-per-kilowatt-  
100 hour basis, subject to any tariff terms, conditions or other stipulations of  
101 the authority, including, but not limited to, stipulations regarding the  
102 capacity rights of a given facility.

103 (4) Each electric distribution company shall jointly or individually  
104 conduct an annual solicitation or solicitations, as determined by the  
105 authority, for the purchase of energy and renewable energy certificates  
106 produced by eligible generation projects under this subsection over the  
107 duration of each applicable tariff. Generation projects eligible pursuant  
108 to subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision (2) of this subsection shall  
109 be sized so as not to exceed the load at the customer's individual electric  
110 meter or a set of electric meters, when such meters are combined for  
111 billing purposes, as determined by the authority, unless such customer  
112 is a state, municipal or agricultural customer, then such generation  
113 project shall be sized so as not to exceed the load at such customer's  
114 individual electric meter or a set of electric meters at the same customer  
115 premises, when such meters are combined for billing purposes, and the  
116 load of up to five state, municipal or agricultural beneficial accounts, as

117 defined in [section 16-244u] section 2 of this act, identified by such state,  
118 municipal or agricultural customer, and such state, municipal or  
119 agricultural customer may include the load of up to five additional  
120 nonstate or municipal beneficial accounts, as defined in [section 16-  
121 244u] section 2 of this act, when sizing such generation project, provided  
122 such accounts are critical facilities, as defined in subdivision (2) of  
123 subsection (a) of section 16-243y, and are connected to a microgrid. On  
124 and after January 1, 2025, each beneficial account, as defined in section  
125 2 of this act, designated by a customer pursuant to this subdivision shall  
126 be a unique account that is not associated with an existing generation  
127 project developed pursuant to subparagraph (A) or (B) of subdivision  
128 (2) of this subsection or with a generation project developed pursuant to  
129 section 16-244u.

130 (5) The maximum selected purchase price of energy and renewable  
131 energy certificates on a cents-per-kilowatt-hour basis in any given  
132 solicitation shall not exceed such maximum selected purchase price for  
133 the same resources in the prior year's solicitation, unless the authority  
134 makes a determination that there are changed circumstances in any  
135 given year. For the first year solicitation issued pursuant to this  
136 subsection, the authority shall establish a cap for the selected purchase  
137 price for energy and renewable energy certificates on a cents-per-  
138 kilowatt-hour basis for any resources authorized under this subsection.

139 (6) The program requirements for shared clean energy facilities  
140 developed pursuant to subparagraph (C) of subdivision (1) of this  
141 subsection shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

142 (A) The department shall allow cost-effective projects of various  
143 nameplate capacities that may allow for the construction of multiple  
144 projects in the service area of each electric distribution company that  
145 operates within the state.

146 (B) The department shall determine the billing credit for any  
147 subscriber of a shared clean energy facility that may be issued through  
148 the electric distribution companies' monthly billing systems, and

149 establish consumer protections for subscribers and potential subscribers  
150 of such a facility, including, but not limited to, disclosures to be made  
151 when selling or reselling a subscription.

152 (C) Such program shall utilize one or more tariff mechanisms with  
153 the electric distribution companies for a term not to exceed twenty years,  
154 subject to approval by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, to pay  
155 for the purchase of any energy products and renewable energy  
156 certificates produced by any eligible shared clean energy facility, or to  
157 deliver any billing credit of any such facility.

158 (D) The department shall limit subscribers to (i) low-income  
159 customers, (ii) moderate-income customers, (iii) small business  
160 customers, (iv) state or municipal customers, (v) commercial customers,  
161 and (vi) residential customers who can demonstrate, pursuant to criteria  
162 determined by the department in the program requirements  
163 recommended by the department and approved by the authority, that  
164 they are unable to utilize the tariffs offered pursuant to subsection (b) of  
165 this section.

166 (E) The department shall require that (i) not less than twenty per cent  
167 of the total capacity of each shared clean energy facility is sold, given or  
168 provided to low-income customers, and (ii) not less than sixty per cent  
169 of the total capacity of each shared clean energy facility is sold, given or  
170 provided to low-income customers, moderate-income customers or  
171 low-income service organizations. The authority may modify such  
172 shared clean energy facility capacity requirements for the limited  
173 purpose of aligning the allocation of shared clean energy facility  
174 capacity with the requirements of any federal acts providing renewable  
175 energy incentives.

176 (F) The department may allow preferences to projects that serve low-  
177 income customers and shared clean energy facilities that benefit  
178 customers who reside in environmental justice communities.

179 (G) The department may create incentives or other financing  
180 mechanisms to encourage participation by low-income customers.

181 (H) The department may require that not more than forty per cent of  
182 the total capacity of each shared clean energy facility is sold to  
183 commercial customers.

184 (7) For purposes of this subsection:

185 (A) "Environmental justice community" has the same meaning as  
186 provided in subsection (a) of section 22a-20a;

187 (B) "Low-income customer" means an in-state retail end user of an  
188 electric distribution company (i) whose income does not exceed sixty  
189 per cent of the state median income, adjusted for family size, or (ii) that  
190 is an affordable housing facility. The authority may modify such  
191 definition for the limited purpose of aligning such definition with the  
192 requirements of any federal acts providing renewable energy incentives;

193 (C) "Low-income service organization" means a for-profit or  
194 nonprofit organization that provides service or assistance to low-income  
195 individuals; and

196 (D) "Moderate-income customer" means an in-state retail end user of  
197 an electric distribution company whose income is between sixty per cent  
198 and one hundred per cent of the state median income, adjusted for  
199 family size. The authority may modify such definition for the limited  
200 purpose of aligning such definition with the requirements of any federal  
201 acts providing renewable energy incentives.

202 (b) (1) On or before July 1, 2020, the authority shall initiate a  
203 proceeding to establish (A) tariffs for each electric distribution company  
204 pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection, (B) a rate for such tariffs,  
205 which may be based upon the results of one or more competitive  
206 solicitations issued pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, or on the  
207 average cost of installing the generation project and a reasonable rate of  
208 return that is just, reasonable and adequate, as determined by the  
209 authority, and shall be guided by the Comprehensive Energy Strategy  
210 prepared pursuant to section 16a-3d, and (C) the period of time that will  
211 be used for calculating the net amount of energy produced by a facility

212 and not consumed, provided the authority shall assess whether to  
213 incorporate time-of-use rates or other dynamic pricing and such period  
214 of time shall be either (i) in real time, (ii) in one day, (iii) in any fraction  
215 of a day not to exceed one day, or (iv) in any period of time greater than  
216 one day up to and including one month. In such proceeding, the  
217 authority shall consider the findings of the study of the value of  
218 distributed energy resources conducted pursuant to section 16a-3o. The  
219 authority shall issue a final decision in such proceeding on or before July  
220 1, 2021. The authority may modify such rate for new customers under  
221 this subsection based on changed circumstances and may establish an  
222 interim tariff rate prior to the expiration of the residential solar  
223 investment program pursuant to subsection (b) of section 16-245ff as an  
224 alternative to such program, provided any residential customer  
225 utilizing a tariff pursuant to this subsection at such customer's electric  
226 meter shall not be eligible for any incentives offered pursuant to section  
227 16-245ff at the same such electric meter and any residential customer  
228 utilizing any incentives offered pursuant to section 16-245ff at such  
229 customer's electric meter shall not be eligible for a tariff pursuant to this  
230 subsection at the same such electric meter.

231 (2) On and after January 1, 2022, each electric distribution company  
232 shall offer the following options to residential customers for the  
233 purchase of products generated from a Class I renewable energy source  
234 that is located on a customer's own premises and has a nameplate  
235 capacity rating of twenty-five kilowatts or less for a term not to exceed  
236 twenty years: (A) A tariff for the purchase of all energy and renewable  
237 energy certificates on a cents-per-kilowatt-hour basis; and (B) a tariff for  
238 the purchase of any energy produced and not consumed in the period  
239 of time established by the authority pursuant to subparagraph (C) of  
240 subdivision (1) of this subsection and all renewable energy certificates  
241 generated by such facility on a cents-per-kilowatt-hour basis, subject to  
242 any tariff terms, conditions or other stipulations of the authority,  
243 including, but not limited to, stipulations regarding the capacity rights  
244 of a given facility. A residential customer shall select either option  
245 authorized pursuant to subparagraph (A) or (B) of this subdivision,



246 consistent with the requirements of this section. Such generation  
247 projects shall be sized so as not to exceed the load at the customer's  
248 individual electric meter or, in the case of a multifamily dwelling that  
249 qualifies under this subsection, the load of the premises, from the  
250 electric distribution company providing service to such customer,  
251 pursuant to any rules established by the authority and as determined by  
252 such electric distribution company. For purposes of this section,  
253 "residential customer" means a customer of a single-family dwelling, a  
254 multifamily dwelling consisting of two to four units, or a multifamily  
255 dwelling consisting of five or more units, provided in the case of a  
256 multifamily dwelling consisting of five or more units, (i) not less than  
257 sixty per cent of the units of the multifamily dwelling are occupied by  
258 persons and families with income that is not more than sixty per cent of  
259 the area median income for the municipality in which it is located, as  
260 determined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban  
261 Development, or (ii) such multifamily dwelling is determined to be  
262 affordable housing by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority in  
263 consultation with the Department of Energy and Environmental  
264 Protection, Department of Housing, Connecticut Green Bank,  
265 Connecticut Housing Finance Authority and United States Department  
266 of Housing and Urban Development. In the case of a multifamily  
267 dwelling consisting of five or more units, a generation project shall only  
268 qualify under this subsection if: (I) Each of the dwelling units receives  
269 an appropriate share of the benefits from the generation project, and (II)  
270 no greater than an appropriate share of the benefits from the generation  
271 project is used to offset common area usage. The Public Utilities  
272 Regulatory Authority shall initiate an uncontested proceeding to  
273 implement the distribution of the benefits from the generation project  
274 pursuant to this section.

275 (c) (1) (A) The [aggregate total megawatts available to all customers  
276 utilizing a procurement and tariff offered by electric distribution  
277 companies pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall be up to  
278 eighty-five megawatts in year one and increase by up to an additional  
279 one hundred sixty megawatts per year on and after January 1, 2023,

280 provided the] total megawatts available to customers eligible under  
281 subparagraph (A) of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section shall  
282 not exceed ten megawatts per year, the total megawatts available to  
283 customers eligible under subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of  
284 subsection (a) of this section shall not exceed one hundred megawatts  
285 per year and the total megawatts available to customers eligible under  
286 subparagraph (C) of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section shall  
287 not exceed fifty megawatts per year. The authority shall monitor the  
288 competitiveness of any procurements authorized pursuant to  
289 subsection (a) of this section and may adjust the annual purchase  
290 amount established in this subsection or other procurement parameters  
291 to maintain competitiveness. Any megawatts not allocated in any given  
292 year shall roll into the next year's available megawatts. The obligation  
293 to purchase energy and renewable energy certificates shall be  
294 apportioned as determined by the authority. Notwithstanding any  
295 provision of this subparagraph, each procurement and tariff program  
296 authorized pursuant to subsection (a) of this section may exceed the  
297 limits on available megawatts described in this subparagraph, from  
298 January 1, 2025, through the end of the sixth year of such program or  
299 until the date that federal funding available under the Inflation  
300 Reduction Act of 2022, P.L. 117-169 to finance or provide tax incentives  
301 for projects within such program is exhausted, whichever is sooner.

302 (B) The electric distribution companies shall offer any tariffs  
303 developed pursuant to subsection (b) of this section for six years. At the  
304 end of the tariff term pursuant to subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of  
305 subsection (b) of this section, residential customers that elected the  
306 option pursuant to said subparagraph shall be credited all cents-per-  
307 kilowatt-hour charges pursuant to the tariff rate for such customer for  
308 energy produced by the Class I renewable energy source against any  
309 energy that is consumed in real time by such residential customer.

310 (C) The authority shall establish tariffs for the purchase of energy on  
311 a cents-per-kilowatt-hour basis at the expiration of any tariff terms  
312 authorized pursuant to this section.

313 (2) The department, in consultation with the authority, shall assess  
314 the tariff offerings pursuant to this section and determine if such  
315 offerings are competitive compared to the cost of the technologies and  
316 shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a, the results of such  
317 determination to the General Assembly not later than January 15, 2027.

318 (3) For any tariff established pursuant to this section, the authority  
319 shall examine how to incorporate the following energy system benefits  
320 into the rate established for any such tariff: (A) Energy storage systems  
321 that provide electric distribution benefits, (B) location of a facility on the  
322 distribution system, (C) time-of-use rates or other dynamic pricing, and  
323 (D) other energy policy benefits identified in the Comprehensive Energy  
324 Strategy prepared pursuant to section 16a-3d.

325 (d) In accordance with subsection (h) of section 16-245a, the authority  
326 shall determine which of the following two options is in the best interest  
327 of ratepayers and shall direct each electric distribution company to  
328 either (1) retire the renewable energy certificates it purchases pursuant  
329 to subsections (a) and (b) of this section on behalf of all ratepayers to  
330 satisfy the obligations of all electric suppliers and electric distribution  
331 companies providing standard service or supplier of last resort service  
332 pursuant to section 16-245a, or (2) sell such renewable energy certificates  
333 into the New England Power Pool Generation information system  
334 renewable energy credit market. The authority shall establish  
335 procedures for the retirement of such renewable energy certificates. Any  
336 net revenues from the sale of products purchased in accordance with  
337 this section shall be credited to customers through a nonbypassable fully  
338 reconciling component of electric rates for all customers of the electric  
339 distribution company.

340 (e) The costs prudently and reasonably incurred by an electric  
341 distribution company pursuant to this section shall be recovered on a  
342 timely basis through a nonbypassable fully reconciling component of  
343 electric rates for all customers of the electric distribution company. Any  
344 net revenues from the sale of products purchased in accordance with  
345 any tariff offered pursuant to this section shall be credited to customers

346 through the same fully reconciling rate component for all customers of  
347 such electric distribution company.

348 (f) (1) Notwithstanding the size-to-load provisions of subdivision (4)  
349 of subsection (a) of this section, the entire rooftop space of a customer's  
350 own premises developed pursuant to subparagraph (B) of subdivision  
351 (1) of subsection (a) of this section and owned by a commercial or  
352 industrial customer may be used for purposes of electricity generation  
353 and participation in the solicitation conducted by each electric  
354 distribution company pursuant to subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of  
355 this section.

356 (2) The authority shall direct each electric distribution company to  
357 authorize, effective January 1, 2025, a netting tariff for any oversized  
358 rooftop project developed by a commercial or industrial customer  
359 pursuant to this subsection, provided such project does not exceed two  
360 and one-half times the load at such customer's individual electric meter  
361 or a set of electric meters, when such meters are combined for billing  
362 purposes, as determined by the authority. A buy-all tariff shall continue  
363 to be available for any oversized rooftop project developed pursuant to  
364 this subsection.

365 (g) State, municipal and agricultural customers shall be exempt from  
366 the requirement that generation projects owned or developed pursuant  
367 to subparagraph (A) or (B) of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this  
368 section be located on a customer's own premises.

369 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2024*) (a) As used in this section:

370 (1) "Beneficial account" means all existing, individually metered  
371 accounts of an in-state retail end user of an electric distribution company  
372 designated by a customer host to receive monetary bill credits  
373 associated with the energy generated at such customer host's account.

374 (2) "Customer host" means a state, municipal or agricultural customer  
375 eligible to produce monetary bill credits for beneficial accounts  
376 pursuant to subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 16-244z of the

377 general statutes, as amended by this act.

378 (3) "Virtual net metering" means the process of assigning monetary  
379 bill credits to beneficial accounts based on the excess generation of a  
380 customer host, pursuant to subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section  
381 16-244z of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

382 (b) There shall continue to be a virtual net metering program within  
383 the nonresidential renewable energy tariff program authorized  
384 pursuant to subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of  
385 section 16-244z of the general statutes, as amended by this act. Such  
386 program is in addition to the legacy virtual net metering program  
387 established pursuant to section 16-244u of the general statutes and shall  
388 continue through the end of the sixth year of such nonresidential  
389 renewable energy tariff program. Nothing in this section shall be  
390 construed to affect the validity of any decision of the Public Utilities  
391 Regulatory Authority or any program rules based on such a decision or  
392 decisions.

393 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) The chairperson of the Public Utilities  
394 Regulatory Authority shall conduct a study regarding the renewable  
395 energy tariff programs established pursuant to section 16-244z of the  
396 general statutes, as amended by this act. Such study shall include, but  
397 need not be limited to: (1) An examination of whether to extend such  
398 programs, including whether to bring such programs into alignment by  
399 extending the shared clean energy facilities program by two years; and  
400 (2) an examination of potential successor programs. Not later than  
401 January 1, 2025, the chairperson shall submit, in accordance with the  
402 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, the results of such  
403 study, including any recommendations, to the joint standing committee  
404 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
405 energy and technology.

406 Sec. 4. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than July 1, 2024, the Public  
407 Utilities Regulatory Authority shall initiate an uncontested proceeding  
408 to examine: (1) Project completion under the state's nonresidential

409 renewable energy tariff and shared clean energy facilities programs; (2)  
410 whether the authority should establish deadlines for project completion  
411 under such programs after which a project loses its approval; (3)  
412 possible mechanisms for reallocating megawatts that are available  
413 under the annual megawatt limit for one such program to a different  
414 program in order to maximize the use of authorized program space; and  
415 (4) whether to exempt nonprofit organizations from any application  
416 requirements under the nonresidential renewable energy tariff  
417 program. Not later than January 1, 2025, the authority shall submit, in  
418 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,  
419 a final report, including any recommendations for legislation, to the  
420 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
421 matters related to energy and technology.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	16-244z
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To (1) make revisions to the state's renewable energy programs, including suspending the caps and clarifying rules for state, agricultural and municipal customers, and (2) require the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority to study such programs and potential successor programs.

*[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.]*