



General Assembly

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LCO No. 5246



Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:
(ET)

AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE STRUCTURE OF ENERGY POLICY AND REGULATION IN THE STATE AND THE SEPARATE FUNCTIONS OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY AND DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

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

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than October 1, 2023, the
2 Department of Administrative Services shall issue a request for
3 proposals to hire a national consultant with expertise in qualitative
4 research to conduct an impartial study and make findings as outlined in
5 subsection (d) of this section. The deadline for responding to the request
6 for proposals shall be not more than seventy-five days from the date of
7 issuance of the request for proposals.
- 8 (b) The department shall develop criteria for evaluating proposals
9 relating to conducting such study, including, but not limited to, (1) the
10 anticipated cost of completing such a study; (2) the anticipated timeline
11 for completing such a study; and (3) the bidder's experience in
12 conducting and completing such a study.

13 (c) Not later than February 1, 2024, the department shall evaluate the
14 bids submitted under subsection (b) of this section and select the bidder
15 that shall conduct the study.

16 (d) The selected bidder that conducts such study shall examine the:
17 (1) Structure of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
18 and the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority and determine if the
19 legislative changes made in public act 11-80 creating the Department of
20 Energy and Environmental Protection accomplished the General
21 Assembly's intended objectives, as indicated by legislative history and
22 other records, and whether such legislative changes yielded benefits for
23 the state, such as progress on the state's energy goals; and (2) structure
24 of energy policy-making and utility regulation in other states.

25 (e) Not later than January 1, 2025, the Department of Administrative
26 Services shall submit the findings of such study, in accordance with the
27 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
28 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
29 relating to energy.

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

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) study whether the legal changes in 2011 that led to the creation of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection accomplished their intended objectives, and (2) study the structure of energy policy-making and utility regulation in other states.

[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.]