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Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:
(ET)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THIRD-PARTY ENERGY CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENTS AND ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC
GRID MODERNIZATION GRANT PROGRAM.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 16-244dd of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

3 Notwithstanding the provisions of this title and title 16a, the Public
4 Utilities Regulatory Authority may select the Connecticut Green Bank,
5 the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, the electric
6 distribution companies, as defined in section 16-1, a third party that the
7 authority deems appropriate or any combination thereof to implement
8 [the non-residential renewable energy program established pursuant to
9 section 16-244z, the residential renewable energy program established
10 pursuant to said section, the shared clean energy facility program
11 established pursuant to said section, the light-duty electric vehicle
12 charging program established by the authority in a proceeding or a
13 medium-duty to heavy-duty electric vehicle charging] any ratepayer-
14 funded clean energy, renewable energy or electric grid modernization

15 program established by the authority in a proceeding.

16 Sec. 2. Section 16-244z of the general statutes is amended by adding
17 subsection (i) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

18 (NEW) (i) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, the
19 authority may select the Connecticut Green Bank, the Department of
20 Energy and Environmental Protection, the electric distribution
21 companies, as defined in section 16-1, a third party that the authority
22 deems appropriate or any combination thereof to implement any
23 program established pursuant to this section, including conducting the
24 solicitations described in this section.

25 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) For the purposes described in
26 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have the
27 power from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state
28 in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the
29 aggregate ____ million dollars.

30 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the amount
31 stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the Office of
32 Policy and Management for a municipal electric grid modernization
33 program, the purpose of which shall be to provide grants-in-aid to any
34 municipality that owns and operates a municipal electric utility and that
35 seeks to modernize the electrical grid infrastructure for such utility.

36 (c) Any municipality that owns and operates a municipal electric
37 utility pursuant to chapter 98 of the general statutes may apply for a
38 grant-in-aid pursuant to this section to the Secretary of the Office of
39 Policy and Management in such form and manner as prescribed by the
40 secretary, who may further prescribe additional technical or
41 procurement requirements as a condition of receiving any such grant-
42 in-aid.

43 (d) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the
44 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not

45 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and
 46 shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission
 47 pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the
 48 money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized may
 49 be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to time
 50 renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not exceeding
 51 twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided in or
 52 pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond Commission
 53 authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be authorized except
 54 upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed
 55 with it a request for such authorization which is signed by or on behalf
 56 of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and states such
 57 terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may require.
 58 Said bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be general obligations
 59 of the state and the full faith and credit of the state of Connecticut are
 60 pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds
 61 as the same become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of
 62 the state with the holders of said bonds, appropriation of all amounts
 63 necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest is hereby
 64 made, and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as
 65 the same become due.

66 (e) Any grant-in-aid allowed under the municipal electric grid
 67 modernization program under this section may be administered on
 68 behalf of the Office of Policy and Management by another state agency
 69 as determined by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	16-244dd
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	16-244z(i)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section

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Statement of Purpose:

To allow third-party developers of energy capital improvements in the state and to establish a municipal electric grid modernization grant program.

[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.]