



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 344

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 244

Senate, April 2, 2026

The Committee on Energy and Technology reported through SEN. NEEDLEMAN of the 33rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF THE RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATE MARKET.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2026*) The Commissioner of Energy and
2 Environmental Protection shall conduct a study concerning the market
3 for certificates issued by the New England Power Pool Generation
4 Information System. The study shall include, but need not be limited to,
5 (1) the role of such certificates in supporting the development, financing
6 and continued operation of renewable energy resources in the state and
7 the region, (2) the current supply, demand and pricing trends for such
8 certificates in the state and in regional markets, including markets
9 administered by the regional independent system operator, as defined
10 in section 16-1 of the general statutes, and (3) the extent to which such
11 certificates, when used for compliance with state renewable energy
12 requirements, demonstrate benefits in environmental protection,
13 electric-grid resiliency or any other identified benefits to the state. Not
14 later than January 1, 2027, the commissioner shall submit a report on the

15 results of such study, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
 16 of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General
 17 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy and
 18 technology and the environment.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2026	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In the last sentence, "on the results of such study" was added for clarity.

ET *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill requires the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to conduct a study concerning the market for certificates issued by the New England Power Pool Generation Information System. This is not anticipated to result in a cost as DEEP has the staff and expertise necessary to complete the study.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None



OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 26 Nay 0 (03/17/2026)