



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 345

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Senate Bill No. 246

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 bill ought to pass.

AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF NATURAL GAS RATES FOR COMMERCIAL AND AGRICULTURAL CUSTOMERS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective October 1, 2026*) The Commissioner of Energy and
2 Environmental Protection shall conduct a study of natural gas rates,
3 including, but not limited to, any applicable demand charges, for
4 commercial and agricultural natural gas customers who have
5 intermittent peak monthly demand to determine if a significant number
6 of such customers are charged rates that do not fairly reflect such
7 customers' use due to such demand charges. If the commissioner
8 determines that such demand charges have the effect of unfairly
9 increasing rates for such customers, the commissioner shall provide
10 detailed recommendations concerning how such charges may be
11 recalculated or otherwise applied to such customers. Not later than
12 January 15, 2027, the commissioner shall submit a report, in accordance
13 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, that contains
14 such recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General

15 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy and
16 technology.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section

ET *Joint Favorable*

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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 of natural gas rates. This will not result in a fiscal impact 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

Yea 26 Nay 0 (03/17/2026)