



Senate

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Senate Bill No. 320

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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 ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP CONCERNING ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION FACILITIES AND ELECTRIC GRID CAPACITY PLANNING.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) The Commissioner of Energy
2 and Environmental Protection shall convene a working group within
3 the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to study and
4 make recommendations concerning: (1) The siting and use of electric
5 transmission facilities in the state, and (2) long-term electric grid
6 interconnection and capacity planning.

7 (b) The working group established pursuant to this section shall
8 examine: (1) Any identified or potential delays in the siting of electric
9 transmission facilities in the state caused by administrative inefficiency
10 or a lack of interagency coordination, (2) the need for electric grid
11 enhancements, including additional interconnection points, required in
12 connection with the increased development of distributed generation
13 sources in the state, (3) any potential cost-sharing or cost-shifting

14 mechanisms to ensure that future developers of distributed generation
 15 sources do not bear an inequitable amount of the cost for necessary
 16 electric transmission or distribution infrastructure improvements, and
 17 (4) any other topics the commissioner deems relevant to the working
 18 group.

19 (c) The commissioner shall select the members of such working
 20 group, provided such working group shall, at a minimum, include (1)
 21 the commissioner, or the commissioner's designee; (2) the chairperson
 22 of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, or the chairperson's
 23 designee; (3) the Consumer Counsel, or the counsel's designee; (4) the
 24 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's
 25 designee; (5) the Commissioner of Administrative Services, or the
 26 commissioner's designee; and (6) one or more representatives of the
 27 electric distribution companies, as defined in section 16-1 of the general
 28 statutes.

29 (d) Not later than July 1, 2027, the commissioner shall submit a report,
 30 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
 31 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
 32 cognizance of matters relating to energy and technology that details the
 33 findings of the working group and makes recommendations for any
 34 legislation related to the siting and use of electric transmission facilities
 35 in the state and long-term electric grid interconnection and capacity
 36 planning.

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

ET *Joint Favorable*

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

The bill requires the Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to establish a working group to study the siting and use of electric transmission facilities in the state, and long-term electric grid interconnection and capacity planning. This does not result in a cost to the state as the working group has the staff and expertise necessary to meet the requirements of the bill.

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

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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)