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Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFETY OF ENERGY GENERATION
SOURCES AND ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this section:

2 (1) "Major incident" means any event at a facility described in
3 subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 16-50i of the general statutes
4 that (A) requires an emergency shutoff of electricity flowing to or from
5 such facility due to a hazardous condition at such facility, (B) requires
6 any local emergency services personnel to respond to the site of such
7 facility, or (C) causes injury requiring hospitalization to any person; and

8 (2) "Minor incident" means any unanticipated or unplanned
9 shutdown of a facility described in subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of
10 section 16-50i of the general statutes that does not require any local
11 emergency services personnel to respond to the site of such facility.

12 (b) Any person who receives a certificate from the Connecticut Siting
13 Council to operate a facility described in subdivision (3) of subsection
14 (a) of section 16-50i of the general statutes shall report any major

15 incident or minor incident at such facility in a form and manner
16 prescribed by the council. Any major incident shall be reported not later
17 than five days after the occurrence of such incident, and any minor
18 incident shall be reported not later than thirty days after the occurrence
19 of such incident.

20 (c) Commencing on July 1, 2028, and annually thereafter, the
21 Connecticut Siting Council shall submit a report, in accordance with the
22 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, detailing any reports
23 the council has received pursuant to this section in the preceding year
24 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
25 cognizance of matters relating to energy and technology.

26 Sec. 2. Section 16-50l of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes is
27 amended by adding subsections (i) and (j) as follows (*Effective October 1,*
28 *2026*):

29 (NEW) (i) In addition to the requirements of this section, the council
30 may, in the council's discretion, require that, as a condition of approval
31 for any facility described in subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section
32 16-50i, the applicant provide emergency services training specific to the
33 proposed facility, at the applicant's sole expense, to firefighters or other
34 emergency services personnel in any municipality in which such facility
35 shall be located. If the council imposes such a condition pursuant to this
36 subsection, the applicant shall provide notice of the availability of such
37 training to the chief executive official and fire marshal of any
38 municipality in which such facility shall be located, as ordered by the
39 council. The chief executive officer or fire marshal shall respond in
40 writing to such notice not later than sixty days after the receipt of such
41 notice and indicate whether firefighters or other emergency services
42 personnel in the municipality request such training. If such training is
43 so requested, the applicant will arrange for such training to be provided
44 not later than sixty days after such request.

45 (NEW) (j) (1) For the purposes of this subsection, "emergency contact

46 person" means a person, including an entity or an organization,
47 designated by an applicant or certificate holder pursuant to this section,
48 who has authority to act on behalf of the applicant or certificate holder
49 in the event of an emergency at a facility described in subdivision (3) of
50 subsection (a) of section 16-50i. As a condition of approval under this
51 section, an applicant shall (A) designate an emergency contact person
52 for such facility, (B) provide the contact information for such emergency
53 contact person to the council and both the chief executive official and
54 the local fire official of any municipality in which such facility is located,
55 and (C) post a sign at each entrance to such facility displaying the
56 contact information for such emergency contact person.

57 (2) Not later than January 1, 2027, any certificate holder that owns or
58 operates a facility described in subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of
59 section 16-50i shall (A) designate an emergency contact person, (B)
60 provide the contact information for such emergency contact person, in
61 writing, to the council and both the chief executive official and the local
62 fire official of any municipality in which such facility is located, and (C)
63 post a sign at each entrance to the facility displaying the contact
64 information for such emergency contact person.

65 (3) If the person, entity or organization designated as the emergency
66 contact person pursuant to this subsection has changed, or the contact
67 information for such emergency contact person has changed, the
68 applicant or certificate holder shall, not later than thirty days after such
69 change, (A) provide written notice of such change to the council and
70 both the chief executive official and the local fire official of any
71 municipality in which such facility is located, and (B) update each sign
72 at the facility displaying the contact information for the emergency
73 contact person.

74 (4) Any person designated as an emergency contact person pursuant
75 to this subsection shall be available to respond to any emergency at such
76 facility not later than one hour after the occurrence of such emergency.
77 If an emergency contact person fails to timely respond in the event of an

78 emergency at such facility, any firefighter or other emergency services
79 personnel who attempted to contact the emergency contact person shall
80 file a written report with the council detailing such lack of response.

81 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) Not later than November
82 1, 2026, the chairperson of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, in
83 consultation with the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
84 Protection and the Connecticut Siting Council, shall convene a working
85 group within the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority for the purpose
86 of reviewing and assessing any processes concerning the resumption of
87 electric generation services after a shutoff of such services at any facility
88 described in subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 16-50i of the
89 general statutes that exceeds five days. Such review and assessment
90 shall consider (1) any existing statutory, regulatory or contractual
91 processes governing the resumption of electric generation services
92 following an extended shutoff; (2) the adequacy of coordination among
93 electric generation facility owners or operators, electric distribution
94 companies, regional transmission organizations and state agencies; (3)
95 potential risks to public safety or electric grid reliability associated with
96 extended shutoffs and subsequent resumption of service; and (4) any
97 recommendations for statutory, regulatory or procedural changes to
98 improve transparency, coordination and safety upon the resumption of
99 such services.

100 (b) The working group shall include:

101 (1) The chairperson of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, or
102 the chairperson's designee;

103 (2) The chairperson of the Connecticut Siting Council, or the
104 chairperson's designee;

105 (3) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or
106 the commissioner's designee;

107 (4) One or more representatives from an electric distribution

108 company, as defined in section 16-1 of the general statutes;

109 (5) One or more owners or operators of an electric generation facility
110 described in subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 16-50i of the
111 general statutes;

112 (6) The Consumer Counsel, or the counsel's designee; and

113 (7) Any other interested party the chairperson deems appropriate.

114 (c) Not later than February 1, 2027, the chairperson of the Public
115 Utilities Regulatory Authority shall, in accordance with the provisions
116 of section 11-4a of the general statutes, submit a report on the efforts of
117 such working group and any recommendations to the joint standing
118 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
119 relating to energy and technology and public safety.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	16-50l(i) and (j)
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require (1) the reporting of major and minor incidents at certain electric generating or storage facilities, (2) the designation of emergency contact persons for such facilities, and (3) the chairperson of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority to convene a working group to assess the resumption of electric generation at such facilities after an extended shutoff period.

[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.]