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To: House Bill No. 6414

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**"AN ACT REQUIRING THE STUDY OF THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY  
IN THE STATE."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) As used in this section:

4 (1) "Billing agent" means an entity that has entered into a contract  
5 with a subscriber to receive such subscriber's electric distribution  
6 company bill;

7 (2) "Billing agent services" means the services a billing agent  
8 contractually agrees to provide to a subscriber, including, but not  
9 limited to, receipt of such subscriber's electric distribution company bill  
10 and remittal of payment of the net charges on such bill, after issuing a  
11 billing credit, to the electric distribution company;

12 (3) "Billing credit" means a credit in dollars equal to eighty per cent

13 of the retail cost per kilowatt hour a subscriber may have otherwise been  
14 charged for each kilowatt hour produced by a shared energy merchant  
15 facility;

16 (4) "Class I renewable energy source" has the same meaning as  
17 provided in section 16-1 of the general statutes;

18 (5) "Electric distribution company" has the same meaning as  
19 provided in section 16-1 of the general statutes;

20 (6) "Energy storage system" has the same meaning as provided in  
21 section 16-1 of the general statutes;

22 (7) "Shared energy merchant facility" means (A) a Class I renewable  
23 energy source that is located in the state, or (B) an energy storage system  
24 that is located in the state and that (i) stores energy generated by a Class  
25 I renewable energy source, or (ii) purchases and retires certificates  
26 produced by a generating unit from wind or solar power that is located  
27 in the United States in an amount equivalent to all energy dispatched by  
28 such energy storage system; and

29 (8) "Subscriber" has the same meaning as provided in section 16-244x  
30 of the general statutes.

31 (b) The chairperson of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority shall  
32 conduct a study regarding new shared energy merchant facilities to  
33 provide: (1) Information on the potential for new shared energy  
34 merchant facilities to assist the state in achieving its renewable portfolio  
35 standard goals through investments by private capital for the  
36 construction of new shared energy merchant facilities with billing credit  
37 and billing agent services; (2) information on the potential reduction to  
38 costs during system peak demand; (3) information on the potential costs  
39 of installed capacity; (4) recommendations for potential protections for  
40 consumers who subscribe to a new shared energy merchant facility  
41 using billing agent services and billing credits; (5) information  
42 regarding how new shared energy merchant facilities can operate in  
43 conjunction with the shared clean energy program established pursuant

44 to section 16-244x of the general statutes; (6) a comparison of the  
45 distribution system reliability benefits; (7) information on the potential  
46 reduced costs of renewable portfolio standard fees; and (8) information  
47 on the economic costs to consumers that do not subscribe to a shared  
48 energy merchant facility.

49 (c) On or before March 1, 2022, the chairperson of the authority shall  
50 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general  
51 statutes, the findings of such study to the joint standing committee of  
52 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section