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INTRODUCED BY YAW, VOGEL, BROWN, MILLER, SCHWANK, CULVER,
LAUGHLIN, J. WARD AND DUSH, MAY 22, 2023

REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, MAY 22, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to
2 conduct a study and issue a report on the issue of
3 consolidated billing in the retail electricity markets in
4 Pennsylvania.

5 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's competitive electricity markets allow
6 consumers to choose their own retail electricity providers; and

7 WHEREAS, Delivery charges in Pennsylvania are billed by
8 utility default service providers, thereby preventing certain
9 customers from directly receiving consolidated bills from the
10 provider of their choice; and

11 WHEREAS, Consolidated billing provides consumer protections
12 and transparency for energy consumers; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Senate direct the Legislative Budget and
14 Finance Committee to conduct a study and issue a report, which
15 shall include:

16 (1) a review of the 2018 administrative proceedings of
17 the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission pertaining to
18 consolidated billing;

19 (2) an examination of the consolidated billing law and

1 practices in Georgia, Texas and Maryland, and an evaluation
2 of the statutory or regulatory authority, consumer
3 protections and efficacy of each state's billing law and
4 practices, as well as other pertinent information in each
5 state's program;

6 (3) a review of the relevant Pennsylvania statutory and
7 regulatory language to ascertain the current permissibility
8 or prohibition of consolidated billing in Pennsylvania;

9 (4) an examination of the benefits or deficiencies of
10 consolidated billing for electricity consumers in
11 Pennsylvania;

12 (5) an analysis of the accessibility and availability of
13 public information available to consumers online and through
14 direct solicitation from electricity retail providers;

15 (6) an assessment of the effects, if any, of shopping
16 customers receiving a consolidated bill from the utility
17 versus receiving a consolidated bill from the consumers
18 energy supplier; and

19 (7) any other valuable or useful information pertaining
20 to consolidated billing;

21 and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
23 submit its report to the following no later than 180 days after
24 the adoption of this resolution:

25 (1) The Governor.

26 (2) The chairperson of the Pennsylvania Public Utility
27 Commission.

28 (3) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
29 Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee of
30 the Senate.

1 (4) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
2 Environmental Resources and Energy Committee of the Senate.

3 (5) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
4 Consumer Protection, Technology and Utilities Committee of
5 the House of Representatives.

6 (6) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
7 Environmental Resources and Energy Committee of the House of
8 Representatives.

9 (7) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
10 Professional Licensure Committee of the House of
11 Representatives.