

May 18, 2010

H 1804. ENERGY POLICY COUNCIL GREEN ENERGY STUDY (=S 1225). Filed 5/18/10. *TO DIRECT THE ENERGY POLICY COUNCIL TO IDENTIFY, STUDY, AND RECOMMEND POLICIES TO INCREASE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION, PROMOTE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES, AND REDUCE CARBON EMISSIONS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE.*

Identical to S 1225, filed 5/18/10.

Intro. by Harrison, Underhill, Wilkins.

STUDY

June 10, 2010

H 1804. ENERGY POLICY COUNCIL GREEN ENERGY STUDY. Filed 5/18/10. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Modifies the topics to be considered by the Energy Policy Council to remove considering the benefits of an independent administrator for energy efficiency activities, and instead adds evaluating the feasibility of establishing a third party administrator for energy efficiency activities and studying options for the framework, structure, and governance under which the administrator would operate.

June 24, 2010

H 1804. ENERGY POLICY COUNCIL GREEN ENERGY STUDY. Filed 5/18/10. House amendments make the following changes to 2nd edition.

Amendment #1 provides that the Council, within its study, must consider simplifying the net-metering sign-up process and evaluating (was, increasing) the purchase price for energy generated from renewable energy resources under the net-metering program. Removes from consideration in the study whether to prohibit the construction of new coal-fired power plants that do not capture and sequester carbon dioxide. Adds for consideration in the study the potential costs and benefits of additional nuclear generation. Renumbers the subdivisions accordingly. Further amends the previous edition to require the Council, for each recommendation made under its study, to: (1) identify the projected amount of energy savings, the amount and nature of renewable energy resources to be developed, and the amount of carbon emissions reductions to be realized including 10-year annualized projections, and (2) perform cost analyses for recommendation implementation, as specified.

Amendment #2 adds that the study will only be carried out to the extent that funds are available to the Council, without requiring additional appropriations from the General Assembly.