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Sec. 14b. JOINT ENERGY COMMITTEE; RECOMMENDATION

(a) On or before February 15, 2016, the Joint Energy Committee under 2 V.S.A. chapter 17 shall submit a recommendation to the House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development, Senate Committee on Finance, House Committee on Ways and Means, and House and Senate Committees on Natural Resources and Energy on:

(1) what revisions, if any, the Committee recommends that the General Assembly enact with respect to the statutes applicable to energy efficiency entities appointed and charges imposed under 30 V.S.A. § 209(d); and

(2) what legislation, if any, the Committee recommends that the General Assembly enact to clarify or alter the relationship of energy efficiency entities and charges under 30 V.S.A. § 209(d) with the energy transformation category adopted under Sec. 3 of this act, 30 V.S.A. § 8005(a).

(b) Prior to submitting its recommendation under this section, the Joint Energy Committee shall offer an opportunity for comment by affected State agencies; utilities; appointed energy efficiency entities; advocates for business, consumer, and environmental interests; and members of the public.

(c) For the purpose of this section, the Joint Energy Committee:

(1) may meet no more than four times during adjournment without prior approval of the Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and

(2) shall have the administrative, technical, and professional assistance of the Office of Legislative Council and the Joint Fiscal Office.

(d) A bill or amendment during the 2016 session to adopt legislation regarding the issues to be addressed by the Joint Energy Committee under this section this act shall be in order.