

BY: Senator Middleton

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 154, AS AMENDED
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1 of the bill, in line 6, after “requiring” insert “the Department, in consultation with the Public Service Commission, to conduct a certain study; authorizing”; and in the same line, after “Governor” insert “, after consideration of the findings of a certain study,”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3 of the bill, in line 29, strike “NOT LATER THAN” and substitute “(I) ON OR BEFORE”; in line 30, strike “THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE” and substitute “THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, SHALL STUDY THE IMPACT OF INCLUDING”; and after line 32, insert:

“(II) THE STUDY SHALL CONSIDER WHETHER THE STATE’S PARTICIPATION WOULD HAVE AN ADVERSE IMPACT ON:

1. THE PRESERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE ECONOMIC WELFARE OF RESIDENTS OF THE STATE;

2. THE MAINTENANCE OF A SAFE AND RELIABLE ELECTRIC POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM IN THE STATE;

3. THE ADEQUACY OF THE ENERGY SUPPLY IN THE STATE, INCLUDING THE IMPACT OF THE POTENTIAL SHUT DOWN OF POWER PLANTS;

4. THE ABILITY OF PERSONS THAT OWN, LEASE, OPERATE, OR CONTROL AN AFFECTED FACILITY TO COMPETE IN NEIGHBORING STATES; AND

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5. ELECTRIC RATES FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE STATE.
(III) THE STUDY SHALL ALSO CONSIDER:

1. THE NUMBER OF STATES THAT ARE INCLUDED AS
FULL PARTICIPANTS;

2. THE MIX OF ENERGY RESOURCES IN THE STATES
THAT ARE INCLUDED AS FULL PARTICIPANTS; AND

3. THE AVAILABILITY OF CREDITS AMONG
PARTICIPATING STATES.

(2) AFTER CONSIDERATION OF THE FINDINGS OF THE STUDY, THE
GOVERNOR MAY INCLUDE THE STATE AS A FULL PARTICIPANT IN THE REGIONAL
GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE AMONG MID-ATLANTIC AND NORTHEAST STATES.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4 of the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee Amendments (SB0154/624637/1), in line 3 of Amendment No. 4, strike “(2)” and substitute “(3) AFTER THE STATE BECOMES A FULL PARTICIPANT IN THE REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE,”; in line 8, strike “JANUARY 1, 2009” and substitute “MAKING THE DETERMINATION”; and in lines 9 and 13, strike “(3)” and “(4)”, respectively, and substitute “(4)” and “(5)”, respectively.