Utilities

Sub. H.B. 554

Reps. Amstutz, Hill, Landis, Schaffer

Sens. Balderson, Burke, Coley, Eklund, Faber, Jones, Jordan

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- Would have effectively made the renewable energy, energy efficiency, and peak demand reduction requirements for 2017 and 2018 no longer true requirements.
- Would have decreased the energy efficiency benchmarks, which would have resulted in a decrease to the current cumulative requirement from 22.2% to 17.2%.
- Would have required that electric distribution utilities (EDUs) be deemed in compliance with the energy efficiency and peak demand reduction requirements and eligible for incentives approved by the Public Utilities Commission (PUCO) in any year in which their "actual cumulative energy efficiency and peak demand reduction savings" meet or exceed the "cumulative mandates."
- Would have required certain savings, reductions, plans, policies, behaviors, and practices to be counted toward the energy efficiency and peak demand reduction requirements.
- Would have required every EDU and electric services company (ESC) to annually report to the PUCO its status of compliance with the renewable energy, energy efficiency, and peak demand reduction provisions, as applicable.
- Would have made changes regarding the annual report that the PUCO is currently required to make to the General Assembly on renewable energy, including requiring the report to be made by August 1 and repealing a provision requiring consideration of public comments on the report.
- Would have required the PUCO Chairperson to provide testimony, by September 1 each year, on the August 1 report, to the standing committees of both houses of the General Assembly that deal with public utility matters.
- Would have added mercantile customers to those customers that may opt out of an EDU's energy efficiency and peak demand reduction portfolio plan, effective in 2019.