



2025-2026 General Assembly

SENATE BILL 445: Regulatory Reform Act of 2026, Secs. 30-33: Guaranteed Energy Savings Contracts – Reform and Recodification.

Analysis of: S.L. 2026-59, Secs. 30-33

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Section 30 of S.L. 2026-59 (Senate Bill 445) creates a new Part 3 in Article 3B of Chapter 143 entitled "Guaranteed Energy Savings Contracts" and recodifies existing law from Part 2 of that Article, "Energy Saving Measures for Governmental Units." This section also requires a governmental unit to issue requests for qualifications (RFQ) before entering a guaranteed energy savings contract, set minimum requirements for that RFQ, establish criteria for selecting a qualified provider, and follow other procedures concerning the review and selection of a qualified provider, including mandatory review by the State Energy Office.

Sections 31 and 32 of S.L. 2026-59 (Senate Bill 445) makes conforming changes.

Section 33 of S.L. 2026-59 (Senate Bill 445) requires the Department of Environmental Quality to adopt temporary rules and permanent rules to implement these changes.

Sections 30 through 33 became effective August 11, 2026.

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