



Fiscal Impact Statement for Proposed Legislation

Virginia State Corporation Commission

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Senate Bill 327

Version: Senate Substitute 1

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Title: Energy upgrade programs; implementation plans; capital investment requirements; cost recovery.

Summary as Passed Senate: Requires American Electric Power and Dominion Energy Virginia to each petition the State Corporation Commission by December 31, 2026, to conduct a pilot program for electric energy conservation, solar energy generation, and energy storage resources for low-income, elderly, and disabled individuals. The bill directs the Commission to convene a technical conference to evaluate the creation of an energy efficiency program meeting certain requirements by November 1, 2026. Under the bill, if the Commission determines that such a program is feasible for implementation by American Electric Power and Dominion Energy Virginia, the Commission shall require such utilities to petition for approval by May 1, 2027, to implement such programs. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2034.

Effective Date(s): July 1, 2026

Amendment Necessary: ☒ Budget, Item 475
☐ Technical, see *Technical Note* below
☐ None

Fiscal Summary

TYPE OF IMPACT	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031
REVENUE					
<i>General (XXXX)</i>					
<i>Nongeneral (XXXX)</i>					
EXPENDITURES					
<i>General (XXXX)</i>					
<i>Nongeneral (0208)</i>	\$81,000	\$81,000	\$81,000	\$81,000	\$81,000
CHANGE IN FTE					
<i>General (XXXX)</i>					
<i>Nongeneral (0208)</i>	1				

Fiscal Analysis

Revenue

When considered individually, the SCC can meet this bill's requirements with the adjustments identified in the fiscal impact summary table and within its existing funding authority. If enacted, the SCC will review operational and fiscal impacts of this legislation along with other enacted 2026 electric utility bills to determine implementation.

Expenditures

The SCC will be required to hire an additional full-time employee to support the workload in response to the petitions submitted for review and approval.

Change in FTE

One full-time employee.

Other Comments

Enactment clause 2 requires the SCC to convene a technical conference no later than November 1, 2026, to evaluate the creation of a Pay As You Save program. If it is determined that such a program is feasible, Phase I and Phase II utilities shall be required to petition the Commission for approval to implement such a program. The SCC will require an additional FTE to support the increased workload in response to petitions submitted to the Commission for review and approval.

Technical Note

None.