

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS, UTILITIES, AND ENERGY

BILL SUMMARY

BILL NO. H.3460

TITLE: An Act relative to energy efficiency education

SPONSOR: Representative Tackey Chan

COMMITTEE: Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy

HEARING DATE: September 25, 2025

PRIOR HISTORY: 2023-2024: H.3154; accompanied a new draft, H.4540, reported favorably by TUE and referred to House W&M, no further action was taken
2021-2022: Refiled as H.3273. Heard by TUE. No further action taken.
2019-2020: Refiled as H.2820. Accompanied study order, see H.4405.
2017-2018: Refiled as H.1732. Accompanied study order, see H.4651.
2015-2016: Refiled as H.2857. Accompanied study order, see H.4324.
2013-2014: Refiled as H.2919. Reported favorably by committee, see H.4020.

CURRENT LAW:

M.G.L. chapter 25 section 21(b) directs all electric distribution companies and municipal aggregators to file energy efficiency investment plans every three years with the Department of Public Utilities describing and outlining all energy efficiency programs.

SUMMARY:

This bill requires that all three-year plans filed with the Department include an in-depth training and education program on how to economically achieve energy efficiency and reduced energy use for all commercial building managers and operators, reviewed by a five-member committee overseeing the effectiveness of such training. The cost of this training is to be split between the attendees (cover no more than 30% of the costs) and the electric distribution companies, with the distribution companies using money from the energy efficiency funding.

The committee would be composed of the following members:

- Two building operators or building managers, appointed by the Greater Boston Real Estate Board
- Two members who are energy efficiency experts, appointed by the electric and natural gas distribution companies and the Energy Efficiency Advisory Council
- One member, jointly appointed by the Greater Boston Real Estate Board and the Energy Efficiency Advisory Council, serving as chair

This bill will take effect immediately and the education and training sessions required by the three-year plans as required by this bill are to be offered no later than September 1, 2026.