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S. 185

To require certain financial assistance under the State energy program and the Weatherization Assistance Program to be distributed without undue delay to support State and local high-impact energy efficiency and renewable energy initiatives.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 17, 2019

Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, and Mr. REED) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Investing in State En-
5 ergy Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TIMING FOR DISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL**
 2 **ASSISTANCE UNDER THE STATE ENERGY**
 3 **PROGRAM AND THE WEATHERIZATION AS-**
 4 **SISTANCE PROGRAM.**

5 (a) TIMING FOR DISTRIBUTION OF FINANCIAL AS-
 6 SISTANCE UNDER THE WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE
 7 PROGRAM.—Section 417(d) of the Energy Conservation
 8 and Production Act (42 U.S.C. 6867(d)) is amended—

9 (1) by striking “(d) Payments” and inserting
 10 the following:

11 “(d) METHOD AND TIMING OF PAYMENTS.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
 13 any payments”; and

14 (2) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(2) TIMING.—Notwithstanding any other pro-
 16 vision of law (including regulations), not later than
 17 60 days after the date on which funds have been
 18 made available to provide assistance under this part,
 19 the Secretary shall distribute to the applicable re-
 20 cipient the full amount of assistance to be provided
 21 to the recipient under this part for the fiscal year.”.

22 (b) TIMING FOR DISTRIBUTION OF FINANCIAL AS-
 23 SISTANCE UNDER THE STATE ENERGY PROGRAM.—Sec-
 24 tion 363 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42
 25 U.S.C. 6323) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 26 lowing:

1 “(g) TIMING FOR DISTRIBUTION OF FINANCIAL AS-
2 SISTANCE.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law
3 (including regulations), not later than 60 days after the
4 date on which funds have been made available to provide
5 financial assistance under this section, the Secretary shall
6 distribute to the applicable State the full amount of assist-
7 ance to be provided to the State under this section for
8 the fiscal year.”.

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