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Amendment to SB 589-FN

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 5 with the following:

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3 5 Cybersecurity and Electric Grid Interconnection Guidelines.

4 I. Within 120 days of the effective date of this section, the department of energy shall
5 initiate a proceeding, in consultation as deemed necessary with the governor's advisor for utility
6 critical infrastructure cybersecurity, the managing director of the New England Utility
7 Cybersecurity Integration Collaborative, distributed energy resources businesses, electric
8 distribution utilities, and regional/federal transmission authorities, to determine:

9 (a) The need for guidelines or standards for cybersecurity standards for distributed
10 energy generation and related devices.

11 (b) The proper venue for promulgation of those guidelines or standards, including, but
12 not limited to rulemaking, statutory changes, and including guidelines or standards within existing
13 procedures and filings.

14 II. Such new guidelines or standards shall not apply to generation and related devices
15 licensed or regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

16 II. The department shall report its findings and recommendations to the legislature no later
17 than one year after initiating the study. The report shall include recommendations for statutory
18 changes, rulemaking, or other actions as needed. The department shall submit copies of the report
19 to the governor, senate president, speaker of the house, and chairs of senate and house energy policy
20 committees.