

118TH CONGRESS
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To require certain information and 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, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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 _____

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 of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. TIMING FOR DISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN INFORMA-**
2 **TION AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER**
3 **THE WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PRO-**
4 **GRAM AND THE STATE ENERGY PROGRAM.**

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

10 (1) in subsection (d), by striking the subsection
11 designation and all that follows through “Payments”
12 and inserting the following:

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

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Payments”; and

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

16 “(2) TIMING.—On receipt of a plan adopted
17 pursuant to section 415(b), the Secretary shall dis-
18 tribute funds to the State, Indian Tribe, or other di-
19 rect recipient to which the plan applies as quickly as
20 practicable.

21 “(e) DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION.—Not later
22 than 60 days after the date on which funds have been
23 made available to provide assistance under this part, the
24 Secretary shall—

1 “(1) release application guidance to States, In-
2 dian Tribes, and other direct recipients of assistance
3 under this part; and

4 “(2) publish the allocation of assistance to be
5 provided to States, Indian Tribes, and other direct
6 recipients of assistance under this part in accord-
7 ance with the applicable distribution formula for the
8 fiscal year.”.

9 (b) TIMING FOR DISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN INFOR-
10 MATION AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE STATE
11 ENERGY PROGRAM.—Section 363 of the Energy Policy
12 and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6323) is amended by
13 adding at the end the following:

14 “(f) DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION.—Not later
15 than 60 days after the date on which funds have been
16 made available to provide financial assistance under this
17 section, the Secretary shall—

18 “(1) release application guidance for financial
19 assistance for energy conservation plans under this
20 section; and

21 “(2) publish the allocation of assistance to be
22 provided to States under this section in accordance
23 with the applicable distribution formula for the fiscal
24 year, including pursuant to subsection (b).

1 “(g) TIMING OF PAYMENTS.—On receipt of a State
2 energy conservation plan submitted under section 362, the
3 Secretary shall distribute funds to a State as quickly as
4 practicable.”.