

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
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**SENATE BILL 629**

Short Title: Increase Energy Efficiency. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Brock (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

March 30, 2015

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE AND INCREASE ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN NORTH  
3 CAROLINA BY REMOVING CERTAIN CAPS AND LIMITS IN THE RENEWABLE  
4 ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARDS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 62-133.8(b)(2) reads as rewritten:

7 "(2) An electric public utility may meet the requirements of this section by any  
8 one or more of the following:

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10 c. Reduce energy consumption through the implementation of an  
11 energy efficiency measure; ~~provided, however, an electric public~~  
12 ~~utility subject to the provisions of this subsection may meet up to~~  
13 ~~twenty five percent (25%) of the requirements of this section through~~  
14 ~~savings due to implementation of energy efficiency measures.~~  
15 ~~Beginning in calendar year 2021 and each year thereafter, an electric~~  
16 ~~public utility may meet up to forty percent (40%) of the requirements~~  
17 ~~of this section through savings due to implementation of energy~~  
18 ~~efficiency measures.~~measure.

19 ...."

20 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 62-133.8(h)(1) reads as rewritten:

21 (1) For the purposes of this subsection, the term "incremental costs" means all  
22 reasonable and prudent costs incurred by an electric power supplier to:

23 a. Comply with the requirements of subsections (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f)  
24 of this section that are in excess of the electric power supplier's  
25 avoided costs other than those costs recovered pursuant to  
26 G.S. 62-133.9.

27 b. Fund research that encourages the development of renewable energy,  
28 energy efficiency, or improved air ~~quality, provided those costs do~~  
29 ~~not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per year.~~quality.

30 c. Comply with any federal mandate that is similar to the requirements  
31 of subsections (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f) of this section that exceed the  
32 costs that the electric power supplier would have incurred under  
33 those subsections in the absence of the federal mandate.

34 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

