HB 1224 -- Electricity and Gas - Energy Suppliers – Assisted Customers

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What other states have found:

- Signs of targeting the poor: A higher percentage of low-income households were signed up to buy competitive supply and the rates were often higher than other non-poor shoppers.

- Higher prices diminish the value of the energy assistance paid for by other ratepayers and taxpayers.

- Returning all hardship customers to standard service offers significant cost savings benefits to the state.
What Other States Have Done to Protect Low-Income Consumers, Ratepayers and Taxpayers

- **Connecticut**: Prohibits electric third-party suppliers from serving hardship customers.

- **Illinois**: Limits the types of competitive supply contracts to low-income customers to plans that guarantee electric and gas supply less than the amount charged by the electric and gas utility.

- **New York**: Limits the types of competitive supply contracts to residential customers to plans that guarantee customers would pay no more than what he or she would pay to the utility.

- **Ohio**: Prohibits low-income customers participating in the percentage of income payment plan (PIPP Plus) or are graduating from PIPP Plus from being switched to a competitive supplier.

- **Pennsylvania**: Limits the type of competitive supply available to low-income energy assistance customers of PPL and FirstEnergy to plans that are at or below the price to compare and prohibits cancellation and early termination fees.
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- HB 1224 ensures low-income assistance is not eroded by inflated prices.
- HB 1224 protects low-income customer energy affordability and safeguards ratepayer and taxpayer low-income funds.
- NCLC supports SB 1224 as amended to guarantee a lower rate.
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