



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 319**

February Session, 2026



**AN ACT CONCERNING BATTERY-POWERED LAWN EQUIPMENT  
FUNDING FOR MUNICIPALITIES, REGIONAL SCHOOLS AND  
COMMERCIAL LANDSCAPERS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2027*) The Department of Energy  
2 and Environmental Protection shall reactivate the 2010 Lawn  
3 Equipment Exchange Fund for municipalities and regional school  
4 districts.

5 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) Not later than January 31,  
6 2028, the Connecticut Green Bank shall create a loan program or loan  
7 products that are tailored to assist Connecticut registered commercial  
8 landscapers with the purchase or lease of battery-operated lawn  
9 equipment. The Connecticut Green Bank shall use existing statutory  
10 authority and access to capital, as well as lending partnerships to create  
11 such loans or loan products.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2027</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In Section 1, "regional schools" was changed to "regional school districts", for accuracy.

**ENV**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*