

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 246

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For An Act To Be Entitled

*AN ACT TO PROMOTE SUSTAINMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF
ECONOMICAL ENERGY SOURCES BY ESTABLISHING THE
ARKANSAS ENERGY SUMMARY AND REPORT; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.*

Subtitle

*TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS ENERGY SUMMARY
AND REPORT FOR THE ACCURATE AND OBJECTIVE
COLLECTION OF DATA AND PROJECTIONS FOR
CURRENT AND FUTURE ENERGY SUPPLIES.*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 61, is amended to add an additional subchapter to read as follows:

Subchapter 16 - Arkansas Energy Summary and Report.

6-61-1601. Findings.

The General Assembly finds that:

(1) There is a need to create and promote a comprehensive energy summary and report for the state.

(2) The collaboration of all state-supported institutions of higher education that participate in energy research activities is vital to ensure an orderly and effective set of data and other research necessary to promote energy conservation and develop alternative energy sources on a statewide level.



6-61-1602. Institutional Energy Research Committee – Creation – Purpose.

(a) The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall coordinate the efforts of all state-supported institutions that participate in energy research activities in the development of the Arkansas Energy Summary and Report.

(b) The Department of Higher Education, in collaboration with state-supported institutions of higher education that participate in energy research activities, shall appoint at least one (1) member of the research faculty at each state-supported institution of higher education that participates in energy research activities to serve on the Institutional Energy Research Committee.

(c)(1) The purpose of the Institutional Energy Research Committee is to coordinate ongoing energy research efforts taking place at each state-supported institution of higher education and create the Arkansas Energy Summary and Report.

(2) The Institutional Energy Research Committee shall modify the Arkansas Energy Summary and Report as necessary to ensure it is updated with the latest energy research available.

6-61-1603. Arkansas Energy Summary and Report.

(a) The Institutional Energy Research Committee shall create and adopt the Arkansas Energy Summary and Report that includes without limitation the:

(1) Energy production and usage in Arkansas, including:

(A) Current sources of energy in Arkansas by percentage and cost;

(B) Current energy demand and percentage of use of each energy source, including the production capacity of each energy source;

(C) Projected energy use for the next:

(i) Ten (10) years; and

(ii) Twenty (20) years;

(D) Current and projected cost per kilowatt of additional energy production capabilities for the following energy sources:

(i) Coal;

(ii) Hydroelectric;

(iii) Natural Gas;

(iv) Nuclear;

(v) Solar;

(vi) Wind;

(vii) Lignite; and

(viii) Other; and

(F) Environmental challenges and the impact of each energy source listed in subdivision (a)(1)(D);

(2) Energy production capacity compared to projected energy growth;

(3) Economical methods for additional energy sources into the market; and

(4) Current and possible tax incentives or governmental policies to promote an increase in energy production capacity for state energy consumption or export to other states.

(b) The committee shall submit the Arkansas Energy Summary and Report and relevant data, research, and findings to the Joint Committee on Energy no later than July 1, 2014.

/s/J. Hendren