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BILL SUMMARY

- Creates the Nuclear Energy Study Committee consisting of four members of the House of Representatives and four members of the Senate to examine the feasibility and desirability of an expanded role for nuclear energy to meet the future energy needs of Ohio.
- Authorizes the Committee to identify specific policies that the state should undertake to remove barriers to or provide incentives for that expanded role for nuclear energy.
- Requires the Committee to submit a written report of its findings and recommendations not later than June 30, 2002, to the Governor and to specified legislative leaders and committees.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The bill creates the Nuclear Energy Study Committee to examine the feasibility and desirability of an expanded role for nuclear energy to meet the future energy needs of Ohio and, if the Committee determines it necessary and appropriate, to identify specific policies that the state should undertake to remove barriers to or provide incentives for such an expanded role. In conducting its examination, the Committee must consider a wide range of perspectives and must solicit ideas, information, comment, and testimony from energy suppliers, energy consumers, environmental representatives, state and local officials, and the general public. The bill requires the Public Utilities Commission, Department of Development, Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Health, and Emergency Management Agency to cooperate with the Committee. Upon the Committee's request, those departments and agencies and any other state department or agency must provide the Committee with reports and other information to assist the Committee in fulfilling its duties. (Section 1(A).)

The Committee consists of four members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, not more than two of whom may be of the majority party, and four members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, not more than two of whom may be of the majority party. The appointments must be made not later than 15 days after the effective date of the bill. (Section 1(B).)

The Speaker and President must each select one member of the Committee to serve as co-chairs. The Committee must meet at the call of the co-chairs, but its first meeting must be convened not later than 20 days after the date on which all appointments to the Committee have been made. A vacancy must be filled in the manner of the original appointment. Members serve without compensation, but must be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties as members of the Committee. (Section 1(C).)

The bill requires the Committee to submit a written report of its findings and recommendations not later than June 30, 2002, to the Governor, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, the President and Minority Leader of the Senate, and the committees of the House and Senate having primary jurisdiction over energy matters. Upon submission of the report, the Committee ceases to exist. (Section 1(D).)

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