
OHIO AIR QUALITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

- Provides for the Energy Strategy Development Program, to be monitored by the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority, to develop energy initiatives, projects, and policy that align with Ohio's energy policy.

Energy Strategy Development Program

(Section 213.20)

The bill requires the Energy Strategy Development Program to develop energy initiatives, projects, and policy that align with the energy policy of Ohio. Although the Revised Code and the bill do not expressly create this Program, apparently this requirement implicitly does. In addition, the bill requires the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority to be responsible for monitoring the Program.

The bill provides that the issues addressed by the Program are not to be limited to those provided for under Ohio law governing the Authority.¹⁷ The bill also provides that the Program pays for costs associated with the administration of the outstanding loans (apparently those made by the Authority under R.C. 166.30 and 3706.27) and working with outside parties associated with the loans.

For purposes of funding the Program, the bill creates, by uncodified law, the Energy Strategy Development Fund in the state treasury. The Fund is to consist of money credited to it and *money obtained for advanced energy projects from federal or private grants, loans, or other sources* (with respect to the italicized language, the bill is not clear as to what this money is or where it comes from). The bill further provides for the transfer of cash to the Fund on July 1 of each fiscal year in the upcoming biennium from various other funds. The bill also provides that all cash credited to the Fund be transferred on July 1, 2017 to the GRF and that the Fund be abolished after the transfer.

¹⁷ R.C. Chapter 3706., not in the bill.

