



Senate

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File No. 316

Senate Bill No. 500

Senate, March 30, 2000

The Committee on Environment reported through SEN. DAILY of the 33rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

An Act Concerning The Nuclear Energy Advisory Council.

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

1 Section 16-11a of the general statutes is repealed and the following
2 is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) There is established a Nuclear Energy Advisory Council which
4 shall (1) hold regular public meetings for the purpose of discussing
5 issues relating to the safety and operation of the nuclear power
6 generating facilities located in this state and to advise the Governor,
7 the General Assembly and municipalities within a five-mile radius of
8 any nuclear power generating facility in this state of such issues, (2)
9 work in conjunction with agencies of the federal, state and local
10 governments and with any electric company operating a nuclear
11 power generating facility to ensure the public health and safety, (3)
12 discuss proposed changes in or problems arising from the operation of
13 a nuclear power generating facility, (4) communicate with any electric
14 company operating a nuclear power generating facility, about safety or

15 operational concerns at the facility, which communications may
16 include, but not be limited to, receipt of written reports and
17 presentations to the council, and (5) review the current status of
18 facilities with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

19 (b) The advisory council shall consist of: (1) Two members
20 appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate and two
21 members appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
22 (2) the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, or his designee; (3)
23 one representative of an operator of a nuclear power generating facility
24 located in the state, appointed by the Governor; (4) two electors from
25 each municipality in which a nuclear power generating facility is
26 located, appointed by the chief executive officers of said
27 municipalities; and (5) four electors each of whom is from a
28 municipality which is adjacent to a municipality in which a nuclear
29 power generating facility is located, one appointed by the majority
30 leader of the House of Representatives, one appointed by the majority
31 leader of the Senate, one appointed by the minority leader of the
32 House of Representatives, and one appointed by the minority leader of
33 the Senate.

34 (c) All appointments to the advisory council shall be made not more
35 than thirty days after June 6, 1996. Any vacancy shall be filled by the
36 appointing authority.

37 (d) The council shall elect a chairperson from among its members,
38 except that the speaker of the House of Representatives and the
39 president pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons for
40 the first meeting of the council. Such chairpersons shall schedule the
41 first meeting of the council, which shall be held within sixty days after
42 June 6, 1996.

43 (e) The membership of the council shall serve without
44 compensation. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall
45 provide [, within available resources,] clerical support to the council.

46 (f) On or before January 1, 1997, and annually thereafter, the
47 advisory council shall report to the General Assembly concerning its
48 activities for the preceding year.

ET Committee Vote: Yea 16 Nay 0 JF C/R ENV

ENV Committee Vote: Yea 23 Nay 0 JF

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: Minimal Cost

Affected Agencies: Department of Environmental Protection

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation**State Impact:**

Requiring the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to provide clerical support to the Nuclear Energy Advisory Council will minimally increase costs to DEP within resources. It is anticipated that the council will require the use of a part-time clerical for a minimal amount of time during the course of a year.

OLR Bill Analysis

SB 500

AN ACT CONCERNING THE NUCLEAR ENERGY ADVISORY COUNCIL.**SUMMARY:**

By law, the environmental protection commissioner must provide clerical support to the Nuclear Energy Advisory Council. This bill eliminates the restriction that he do so within available appropriations. Among the council's responsibilities are holding public meetings; working with governmental agencies and nuclear power plant operators to ensure the public's health and safety; and communicating concerns about the safety and operations of nuclear power plants to their operators.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2000

COMMITTEE ACTION

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 16 Nay 0

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 23 Nay 0