

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1993**
4 **By: Senator Wilson**

A Bill

ACT 248 OF 1993
SENATE BILL 141

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 15-10-205 TO ALLOW THE
9 STATE ENERGY OFFICE TO UPDATE THE 1979 ENERGY CODE AND TO
10 PROVIDE FOR THE REVIEW OF THOSE RULES AND REGULATIONS BY
11 THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ENERGY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

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15 **UPDATE THE 1979 ENERGY CODE AND TO PROVIDE FOR**
16 **THE REVIEW OF THOSE RULES BY THE JOINT**
17 **COMMITTEE ON ENERGY."**

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

21 **SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-10-205 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

22 **"15-10-205. Energy Office - Powers and duties.**

23 **(a) The Arkansas Energy Office shall coordinate authority and planning by the state in**
24 **energy-related matters and shall have the following duties and responsibilities:**

25 **(1) Coordinating energy matters between and among all state agencies;**

26 **(2) Compiling an energy profile for the state which includes, but is not limited**
27 **to, data on the demand for and supply of renewable and nonrenewable energy resources;**

28 **(3) Collecting data on, planning, and administering emergency plans, when**
29 **needed, to allocate the distribution of motor fuels, heating oil, and propane by wholesale**
30 **jobbers and dealers, within the state;**

31 **(4) Collecting data on, planning, and administering emergency plans, when**
32 **needed, for the conservation or rationing of motor fuels;**

33 **(5) Proposing executive and legislative measures on energy-related matters;**

34 **(6) Providing comments before state and federal regulatory bodies on energy**
35 **matters mandated by federal and state agencies;**

36 **(7) Monitoring and evaluating existing and proposed actions, laws, policies,**

1 **regulations, and orders of state and federal government in energy matters relevant to**
2 **Arkansas;**

3 **(8) Securing and administering federal energy grants for agencies of state**
4 **government and monitoring and publicizing federal energy grants available to the private**
5 **sector;**

6 **(9) Carrying out energy-related administrative and program functions**
7 **established and required by federal law, regulations, or guidelines when applicable in**
8 **Arkansas;**

9 **(10) Developing and administering conservation programs directed toward**
10 **reducing wasteful, inefficient uses of energy;**

11 **(11) Promulgating reasonable rules and regulations for the purpose of**
12 **implementing and prescribing enforcement for thermal and lighting efficiency standards for**
13 **new building construction in the state;**

14 **(12) Developing and proposing thermal and lighting efficiency improvement**
15 **programs for all buildings owned by the state and prescribing reasonable thermal and lighting**
16 **efficiency criteria applicable to the leasing of buildings by all state agencies;**

17 **(13) Administering a public energy awareness program to inform and**
18 **demonstrate to the public the importance and methods of utilizing energy conservation and**
19 **renewable energy resources.**

20 **(b) The Arkansas Energy Office shall have authority to:**

21 **(1) Provide comments before state and federal bodies in energy matters**
22 **relevant to Arkansas;**

23 **(2) Receive and expend funds obtained from the federal government or other**
24 **sources by means of contracts, grants, awards, payment for services, and other devices in**
25 **support of energy-related programs, studies, or other operations beneficial to the State of**
26 **Arkansas;**

27 **(3) Promulgate reasonable rules and regulations for the purpose of**
28 **implementing and prescribing enforcement for thermal and lighting efficiency standards for**
29 **new building construction;**

30 **(4) Propose programs for the implementation of thermal and lighting efficiency**
31 **improvements for all buildings owned by the state and prescribe reasonable thermal and**
32 **lighting efficiency criteria applicable to the leasing of buildings by all state agencies;**

33 **(5) Promulgate rules and regulations for the purpose of administering**
34 **emergency plans as referred to in subdivision (a)(4) of this section.**

35 **(c) Prior to the final adoption of the rules and regulations prescribing thermal and**

1 **lighting efficiency standards for new building construction referred to in subdivision (b)(3) of**
2 **this section, the Joint Committee on Energy of the Arkansas General Assembly shall review**
3 **and comment on the rules and regulations of the State Energy Office."**

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5 **SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of general and permanent nature are**
6 **amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision**
7 **Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.**

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9 **SECTION 3. If any provisions of this act or the application thereof to any person or**
10 **circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of**
11 **the act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end**
12 **the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.**

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14 **SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.**

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16 **APPROVED: 02/26/93**

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