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As Engrossed: S2/7/13  
**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 246

5 By: Senator J. Hendren  
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7 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

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

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14 **Subtitle**

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

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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 61, is amended to add an  
24 additional subchapter to read as follows:  
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26 Subchapter 16 - Arkansas Energy Summary and Report.

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28 6-61-1601. Findings.

29 The General Assembly finds that:

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

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



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2 6-61-1602. Institutional Energy Research Committee – Creation –  
3 Purpose.

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

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

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

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

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22 6-61-1603. Arkansas Energy *Summary and Report.*

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

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

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

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

30 (C) Projected energy use for the next:

31 (i) Ten (10) years; and

32 (ii) Twenty (20) years;

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

35 (i) Coal;

36 (ii) Hydroelectric;

1                   (iii) Natural Gas;

2                   (iv) Nuclear;

3                   (v) Solar;

4                   (vi) Wind;

5                   (vii) Lignite; and

6                   (viii) Other; and

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

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

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

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

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

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20   /s/J. Hendren

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23   **APPROVED: 03/06/2013**