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Amend the amendment in the first indented paragraph after the title (page 1, line 11 in amendment) by striking out the following: "and inserting the following"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 4 (page 1, lines 12 to 35 in amendment)

Amend the amendment on page 2 in line 1 by striking out the following: "and inserting the following"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 9 (page 2, lines 2 to 10 in amendment)

Amend the amendment by inserting before section 14 the following:

‘Sec. 14. Wind energy planning and development. The Executive Department, Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security, referred to in this section as "the office," shall provide assistance in wind and other energy planning in accordance with this section.

1. The office shall monitor developments in technology and in state and federal law to determine whether opportunities are available for the development of wind energy resources by the State's agencies, political subdivisions, rural electrification cooperatives and other municipal or quasi-municipal entities or municipally owned corporations that provide electric transmission, distribution or generation services. The office shall regularly advise the Energy Resources Council of its findings under this subsection.

2. The office shall develop information resources to assist the State's political subdivisions, rural electrification cooperatives and other municipal or quasi-municipal entities or municipally owned corporations that provide electric transmission, distribution or generation services to develop, design, construct, install and finance wind and other renewable electricity generation projects to the extent possible using available financing incentives under federal and state law.

3. The office shall assist the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services in identifying and planning for the construction of wind and other renewable electricity generation projects to be located at buildings or public works now owned or leased or constructed, acquired or leased by the State or any department, office, board, commission or agency of the State for the purpose of providing all or a portion of the electricity needs of such state facilities. The office shall assist the Department of Administrative and Financial Services in developing proposals for the development of such projects to be financed from money borrowed by the State to the extent possible using available financing incentives under federal law.

The office shall form one or more advisory groups of persons with relevant expertise and experience to advise the office in undertaking its responsibilities under this section. No later than January 15, 2009, the office shall report on its activities under this section to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters. Following receipt and review of the report, the joint standing committee may submit legislation to the First Regular Session of 124th Legislature regarding the subject matter of this section.’

Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment redirects the responsibility for providing assistance in wind and other energy planning and monitoring of legal and technological developments to the Executive Department, Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security.