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STATE OF TENNESSEE
EXECUTIVE ORDER
BY THE GOVERNOR

No. 101

**AN ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE TENNESSEE NUCLEAR ENERGY
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, Tennessee is leading the nation in economic growth; and

WHEREAS, the State seeks to continue leading by developing the next generation of safe, clean, and reliable nuclear energy; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee has a long history with nuclear power as home of the Manhattan Project and the Oak Ridge National Laboratory; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's legacy in nuclear innovation has positioned the State to lead America's energy independence and security; and

WHEREAS, the advancement of safe, clean, and reliable nuclear energy is a key component of Tennessee's conservation strategy that balances economic growth with responsible stewardship of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, it is vital to Tennessee's future that the State invest in long-term strategies for energy creation, as well as promote technological leadership and enhance national security; and

WHEREAS, the 2023-2024 State budget includes fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) to provide grants and assistance for nuclear power-related businesses that relocate or grow in Tennessee.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and the laws of the State of Tennessee, do hereby declare that my Administration is committed to investing in nuclear energy as a core component of Tennessee's long-term energy strategy. Accordingly, I hereby direct and order the following:

1. The Tennessee Nuclear Energy Advisory Council ("Advisory Council") is hereby established.
2. The Advisory Council shall consist of a minimum of fifteen (15) members:
 - a. The Commissioner of Environment and Conservation or the Commissioner's designee;
 - b. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development or the Commissioner's designee;
 - c. The Director of the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency or the Director's designee;
 - d. One (1) member of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House;
 - e. One (1) member of the Senate, to be appointed by the Speaker of the Senate;
 - f. Two (2) members of the Tennessee Congressional Delegation or their designees, to be appointed by the Governor;
 - g. One (1) representative of the Tennessee Valley Authority, to be appointed by the Governor;
 - h. One (1) representative of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, to be appointed by the Governor;
 - i. One (1) representative of higher education interests, to be appointed by the Governor;
 - j. One (1) representative of workforce development interests, to be appointed by the Governor;
 - k. One (1) representative of local government interests, to be appointed by the Governor;
 - l. One (1) representative of utilities interests, to be appointed by the Governor;
 - m. One (1) representative of energy production interests, to be appointed by the Governor;
 - n. One (1) representative of the nuclear industry, to be appointed by the Governor; and

- o. Any other members as the Governor determines necessary, to be appointed by the Governor.
- 3. The Governor shall appoint one (1) of the members to serve as chair of the Advisory Council.
- 4. In the event of a vacancy on the Advisory Council, the chair shall notify the applicable appointing authority who shall then appoint an eligible person to fill such vacancy.
- 5. The chair shall call all meetings. The Advisory Council shall meet at least twice each calendar year. The chair may establish subcommittees of the Advisory Council's members as necessary to ensure effective and efficient Advisory Council operations.
- 6. The Advisory Council shall be attached to the Department of Environment and Conservation for administrative purposes.
- 7. No later than December 31, 2023, the chair shall deliver to the Governor, the Speaker of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a preliminary report containing, at a minimum, an analysis of:
 - a. Whether regulatory, workforce, or education barriers exist to the creation and expansion of nuclear energy facilities in the State;
 - b. Funding opportunities for state government, local governments, and the private sector; and
 - c. Opportunities for the State to harness existing and emerging technologies.
- 8. No later than October 31, 2024, the chair shall deliver to the Governor, the Speaker of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a final report containing, at a minimum, the following findings:
 - a. Recommended legislative, policy, and budgetary changes to address regulatory, workforce, or education barriers to the creation and expansion of nuclear energy facilities in the state;
 - b. Recommended funding opportunities for state government, local governments, and the private sector;
 - c. Recommended economic opportunities for a vibrant nuclear energy ecosystem;
 - d. Identified siting considerations;
 - e. Recommended storage and waste practices that continue the State's long history of protecting Tennessee's environment; and

- f. Recommended federal actions that the state should pursue with federal partners and agencies.
9. Members of the Advisory Council shall not receive any compensation for their service but shall be reimbursed for official travel expenses pursuant to the policies and guidelines promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration.
10. All state departments and agencies shall cooperate with the Advisory Council in carrying out this Order and shall provide support or other assistance as reasonably requested. The Advisory Council may consult with other persons and organizations with expertise in the issues surrounding nuclear energy or economic development.
11. This Order shall expire November 1, 2024, upon which date the Advisory Council shall terminate and cease to exist.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this 16th day of May, 2023.



GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE

