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**A B I L L**

To create the Ohio Energy Resource Center at Ohio 1  
University's Voinovich School and to make an 2  
appropriation. 3

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** There is hereby created the Ohio Energy Resource 4  
Center at the Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs at 5  
Ohio University. 6

The center shall do all of the following: 7

(A) Act as a knowledge hub for clean energy, advanced energy, 8  
and energy efficiency projects throughout the state; 9

(B) Maintain a database of research and development projects 10  
in the fields of clean energy, advanced energy, and energy 11  
efficiency undertaken by public institutions of higher education; 12

(C) Act as a clearinghouse for information and promote 13  
collaboration among public and private entities on federal, state, 14  
and private sources of financial and technical assistance for 15  
advanced energy, clean energy, and energy efficiency projects 16  
including, but not limited to, Edison Technology Centers, Edison 17

Incubators, and programs under the Third Frontier Commission; and 18

(D) Provide technical assistance to state government and 19  
local governments, other political subdivisions, and businesses 20  
located in an Appalachian county as defined in section 107.21 of 21  
the Revised Code on clean energy, advanced energy, and energy 22  
efficiency projects. 23

The Department of Development shall allocate up to \$75,000 in 24  
fiscal year 2010 and up to \$125,000 in fiscal year 2011 from the 25  
Advanced Energy Fund (Fund 5M50) for the activities of the Center. 26  
Such moneys are appropriated, and shall be accounted for as though 27  
appropriated in appropriation item 195660, Advanced Energy 28  
Programs, in the main operating budget act for fiscal years 2010 29  
and 2011. 30

**Section 2.** The sections of law contained in this act are 31  
exempt from the referendum because they are or relate to an 32  
appropriation for current expenses within the meaning of Ohio 33  
Constitution, Article II, Section 1d and section 1.471 of the 34  
Revised Code and therefore take effect immediately when this act 35  
becomes law. 36