



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Bill Analysis

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128th General Assembly

(As Reported by H. Finance & Appropriations)

**Reps.** Phillips, Yuko, Garrison, Hagan, Book, Foley, Newcomb, Harris, DeGeeter, B. Williams, Bolon, Skindell, Luckie, Letson, S. Williams, Heard, Goyal, Celeste, Dyer, Chandler, Carney, Fende, Slesnick, Ujvagi

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## BILL SUMMARY

- Creates the Ohio Energy Resource Center at Ohio University's Voinovich School.

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## CONTENT AND OPERATION

### Ohio Energy Resource Center

(Section 1)

The bill creates the Ohio Energy Resource Center at Ohio University's Voinovich School. The Center is required to do all of the following: (1) act as a knowledge hub for clean energy, advanced energy, and energy efficiency projects throughout the state, (2) maintain a database of research and development projects in the fields of clean energy, advanced energy, and energy efficiency undertaken by public institutions of higher education, (3) act as a clearinghouse for information and promote collaboration among public and private entities on federal, state, and private sources of financial and technical assistance for advanced energy, clean energy, and energy efficiency projects including, Edison Technology Centers, Edison Incubators, and programs under the Third Frontier Commission, and (4) provide technical assistance to state and local governments, other political subdivisions, mercantile customers,<sup>1</sup> and businesses

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<sup>1</sup> "Mercantile customer" means a commercial or industrial customer if the electricity consumed is for nonresidential use and the customer consumes more than 700,000 kilowatt hours per year or is part of a national account involving multiple facilities in one or more states (R.C. 4928.01).

located in an Appalachian county<sup>2</sup> on clean energy, advanced energy, and energy efficiency projects.

The bill earmarks up to \$75,000 in fiscal year 2010 and up to \$125,000 in fiscal year 2011 from the Department of Development's Advanced Energy Fund for the activities of the Center. Because the bill contains an earmark related to an appropriation for current expenses, it is not subject to the referendum and therefore, goes into immediate effect.

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## HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	03-18-09
Reported, H. Finance & Appropriations	10-29-09

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<sup>2</sup> Ohio law defines "Appalachian county" as Adams, Athens, Belmont, Brown, Carroll, Clermont, Columbiana, Coshocton, Gallia, Guernsey, Harrison, Highland, Hocking, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lawrence, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Tuscarawas, Vinton, and Washington counties (R.C. 107.21).

