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AN ACT

To amend chapter 620, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the comprehensive state energy plan.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 620, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 620.3150, to read as follows:

620.3150. 1. The comprehensive state energy plan developed by the division of energy shall be reviewed by the division by January 1, 2019, and biennially thereafter, and updated if necessary, in accordance with the provisions of this section.

2. The state's comprehensive state energy plan shall be reviewed to ensure that it:

(1) Is consistent with Article I, Section 2 of the Missouri Constitution;

(2) Encourages private investment that will provide customers with better energy supply and more efficiency and conservation options;

(3) Develops free market strategies to attract private capital investment;

(4) Identifies and values transportation alternatives;

(5) Creates an uncumbersome regulatory environment that allows the state's energy utilities to chart a vibrant changing future by operating with greater efficiency, consumer flexibility, and reliability, and that supports pricing that is predictable and sustainable;

(6) Supports public and private efforts to foster a supply of energy to consumers that is abundant, reliable, and cost efficient; and

(7) Monitors areas of potential growth or development, including

22 forecasts of five and ten years for energy demand and supply,
23 infrastructure demands, and identification of additional costs, risks,
24 benefits, uncertainties, and market potential of energy supply resource
25 alternatives.

26 3. The division of energy, either directly or through contracting
27 with a Missouri-based nonprofit whose staff and organization have the
28 capacity and capability to adequately meet the aforementioned goals,
29 shall use a diverse stakeholder system through both online engagement
30 and several in-person meetings throughout the state to conduct the
31 review.

32 4. A report shall be issued by the division of energy, along with
33 the review required under this section, that shall suggest policy
34 changes for the state that:

35 (1) Provide improved reliability of the energy systems within the
36 state;

37 (2) Insulate customers from volatility in market prices;

38 (3) Reduce the overall cost of energy in the state;

39 (4) Reasonably addresses public health and environmental
40 impacts; and

41 (5) Identify and analyze emerging trends in supply, price,
42 demand, and technology, as well as energy policies and programs, and
43 their impact on achieving the state's comprehensive state energy plan.

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