
OHIO AIR QUALITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

- Provides for the Energy Strategy Development Program, to be monitored by the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority, to develop energy initiatives, projects, and policy that align with Ohio's energy policy.

Energy Strategy Development Program

(Section 213.20)

The act requires the Energy Strategy Development Program to develop energy initiatives, projects, and policy that align with the energy policy of Ohio. Although the Revised Code and the act do not expressly create the Program, apparently this requirement implicitly does. In addition, the act requires the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority to be responsible for monitoring the Program.

The act provides that the issues addressed by the Program are not to be limited to those provided for under Ohio law governing the Authority.¹⁹ The act also provides that the Program pays for costs associated with the administration of the outstanding loans (apparently those made by the Authority under continuing law) and working with outside parties associated with the loans.

For purposes of funding the Program, the act creates in uncodified law the Energy Strategy Development Fund in the state treasury. The Fund is to consist of money credited to it and *money obtained for advanced energy projects from federal or private grants, loans, or other sources* (with respect to the italicized language, the act is not clear what this money is or where it comes from). The act further provides for the transfer of cash to the Fund on July 1 in 2015 and 2016 from other specified funds. Finally, the act provides that all cash credited to the Fund must be transferred on July 1, 2017, to the GRF and that the Fund is abolished after the transfer.

¹⁹ R.C. Chapter 3706., not in the act.

