



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 254**

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1099

*Senate, March 28, 2023*

The Committee on Energy and Technology reported through SEN. NEEDLEMAN of the 33rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CREATING A CONNECTICUT NUCLEAR ENERGY ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a  
2 Connecticut Nuclear Energy Advisory Council, which shall: (1) Meet  
3 not less than four times each year for the purpose of planning for the  
4 advancement of nuclear energy in the state; (2) collaborate with state  
5 and federal agencies, institutions of higher education, businesses,  
6 nonprofit organizations and other stakeholders to organize the state's  
7 resources related to nuclear energy; (3) advise the General Assembly,  
8 the Governor and communities in the state on nuclear energy issues; (4)  
9 provide public information about nuclear energy and related  
10 educational and job opportunities; and (5) support regional  
11 partnerships that promote nuclear energy research and expansion. The  
12 council shall be an independent body within the Legislative Department  
13 for administrative purposes only.

14 (b) The council shall consist of the following members:

15 (1) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing  
16 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
17 relating to energy and technology, or their designees;

18 (2) A representative of a nuclear power generating facility in the state,  
19 who shall be appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

20 (3) A representative of the United States Naval Submarine Base-New  
21 London, who shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the  
22 Senate;

23 (4) A representative of a manufacturer of nuclear-powered  
24 submarines, who shall be appointed by the majority leader of the House  
25 of Representatives;

26 (5) A representative of an engineering firm in the state that provides  
27 services in the field of nuclear engineering, who shall be appointed by  
28 the minority leader of the House of Representatives;

29 (6) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who has  
30 expertise in spent nuclear fuel storage; and

31 (7) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who has  
32 expertise in the supply chain of the state's nuclear industry.

33 (c) All initial appointments to the council shall be made not later than  
34 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
35 filled by the appointing authority.

36 (d) The members of the council shall select the chairperson of the  
37 council from among the members of the council. Until such selection,  
38 the speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro  
39 tempore of the Senate shall select an acting chairperson of the council  
40 from among the members of the council. Such acting chairperson shall  
41 schedule the first meeting of the council, which shall be held not later  
42 than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In Section 1(a), "Connecticut Nuclear Advisory Council" was changed to "Connecticut Nuclear Energy Advisory Council" for accuracy; and the title was changed.

**ET**      *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

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### **OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

### **Explanation**

The Connecticut Nuclear Advisory Council that the bill creates would serve as an independent body within the Legislative Department advising the Governor and Legislature. The bill does not empower this council to hire staff to conduct additional research. The bill does not stipulate any salary or per diem would be collected by non-legislative members. Lastly, PA 17-236 prohibits transportation allowances for legislative members of any task force or council.

### **The Out Years**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 1099*****AN ACT CREATING A CONNECTICUT NUCLEAR ENERGY ADVISORY COUNCIL.*****SUMMARY**

This bill establishes a 10-member Connecticut Nuclear Energy Advisory Council and requires it to do the following:

1. meet at least four times per year to plan for advancing nuclear energy in the state;
2. collaborate with stakeholders (e.g., state and federal agencies, higher education institutions, and businesses) to organize the state's resources related to nuclear energy;
3. advise the legislature, the governor, and communities in the state on nuclear energy issues;
4. provide public information about nuclear energy and related educational and job opportunities; and
5. support regional partnerships that promote nuclear energy research and expansion.

The bill establishes the council as an independent body within the Legislative Department for administrative purposes only. Appointing authorities must make appointments to the council within 30 days after the bill passes and fill any vacancies. The bill requires the House speaker and the Senate president pro tempore to select a council member to be acting chairperson until the council members select a chairperson. The acting chairperson must schedule the council's first meeting and hold it within 60 days after the bill passes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

### COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

The table below shows the council's membership under the bill.

**Table: Connecticut Nuclear Energy Advisory Council**

<i>Member or Representative</i>	<i>Appointing Authority</i>
Energy and Technology Committee chairpersons and ranking members, or their designees	None
Nuclear power generating facility in the state (i.e., Millstone Power Station)	House speaker
U.S. Naval Submarine Base-New London	Senate president pro tempore
Nuclear-powered submarine manufacturer	House majority leader
Engineering firm in the state that provides nuclear engineering services	House minority leader
Spent nuclear fuel storage expert	Senate majority leader
State nuclear industry supply chain expert	Senate minority leader

### COMMITTEE ACTION

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable

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