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HOUSE BILL 213

AN ACT establishing an energy awareness commission.

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COMMITTEE: Science, Technology and Energy

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes an energy awareness commission to create an energy awareness education program.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in **bold italics**.

Matter removed from current law appears [in brackets and struckthrough.]

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

${\it In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen}$

AN ACT establishing an energy awareness commission.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1	1 New Subdivision; Energy Awareness Commission. Amend RSA 4-C by inserting after section
2	30 the following new subdivision:
3	Energy Awareness Commission
4	4-C:31 Energy Awareness Commission.
5	I. There is established an energy awareness commission.
6	II.(a) The members of the commission shall be as follows:
7	(1) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
8	house of representatives.
9	(2) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.
10	(3) The director of the office of energy and planning, or designee.
11	(4) One member representing the public utilities commission, appointed by the
12	public utilities commission.
13	(5) Two members, one with expertise in kindergarten through grade 12 education
14	and one with expertise in higher education, appointed by the commissioner of the department of
15	education.
16	(6) One member representing a utility company, appointed by the governor.
17	(b) Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate
18	when attending to the duties of the commission.
19	III. The commission shall establish an energy awareness education program to:
20	(a) Broaden the understanding of human induced climate change, possible long-term and
21	short term consequences, and potential solutions.
22	(b) Apply the latest scientific and technological discoveries to provide formal and
23	informal learning opportunities to people of all ages.
24	(c) Emphasize action and information to help people understand and promote
25	implementation of new technologies, programs, and incentives related to energy conservation,
26	renewable energy, and greenhouse gas reduction.
27	(d) Promote within the state of New Hampshire official recognition of individuals,
28	companies, and organizations that have made significant gains in energy awareness and energy
29	conservation.
30	IV. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The
31	first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named house member. The first meeting

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- $1\,$ $\,$ of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Five members of
- 2 the commission shall constitute a quorum.
- 3 V. The commission shall report on its progress, findings, and recommendations to the
- 4 governor on a quarterly basis, beginning January 1, 2016.
- 5 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.