

HOUSE BILL 2496

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 5; Section 7-53-316 and Title 66, Chapter 9, Part 2, relative to solar power facilities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 66-9-207, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(h) The grantee under a solar power facility agreement shall file a copy of such agreement with the office of energy programs. The office shall maintain the confidentiality of any proprietary information as provided in § 4-3-514. The grantee shall also notify the county mayor and the municipal mayor, if applicable, of the local government where the solar power facility is located of such filing.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 66, Chapter 9, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

The office of energy programs of the department of environment and conservation shall expand and maintain its existing website with additional guidance and resources regarding:

- (1) Utility scale solar for local governments, landowners, developers, and the public; and
- (2) Residential solar for the public.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 66-9-207(b), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(3) Must provide for a plan for the solar power facility at the end of its useful life for disconnection from the local power grid;

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 66-9-207(a)(5)(B), is amended by deleting the language "ten megawatts (10 MW) in size" and substituting "five megawatts (5 MW) in size".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-53-316(a), is amended by adding the following sentence between the first and second sentences:

Such redevelopment may include a solar power facility, as defined by § 66-9-207(a)(5)(A).

SECTION 6. This act takes effect on July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.