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Public Act No. 26-46

AN ACT CONCERNING ADVANCED NUCLEAR ENERGY.

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

Section 1. Section 2-138 of the general statutes is amended by adding subsection (f) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

(NEW) (f) The council shall, within available resources, conduct a study concerning the demand for skilled labor in the advanced nuclear energy industry, including the development of nuclear power technologies such as small modular reactors, microreactors or reactors that use cooling sources such as molten salt, liquid metal or high temperature gas. In connection with such study, the council may recommend legislation or regulations necessary to support the development, expansion and operations of advanced nuclear energy technologies in the state, including, but not limited to, recommendations concerning: (1) Methods to meet the need for skilled trades workers and other providers of services or labor; (2) the creation of opportunities for state agencies to collaborate with federal agencies, institutions of higher education, businesses, nonprofit organizations and other stakeholders with an interest in the advanced nuclear energy industry; and (3) any other strategies to promote development of a skilled labor workforce to meet the needs of such industry. In conducting such study, the council shall consult with a representative

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of the Connecticut State Building Trades Council and a representative of a joint apprenticeship and training committee that facilitates workforce training in the state. Not later than February 15, 2027, the council shall submit a progress report, including any recommendations relevant to such progress report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce and energy. Not later than February 1, 2028, the council shall submit a full report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce and energy.

Governor's Action:
Approved May 20, 2026