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A BILL

Τ	o amend section 3748.03 and to enact sections	1
	3748.23, 4164.01, 4164.02, 4164.04, 4164.05,	2
	4164.051, 4164.052, 4164.053, 4164.06, 4164.07,	3
	4164.08, 4164.09, 4164.091, 4164.092, 4164.093,	4
	4164.094, 4164.096, 4164.097, 4164.098,	5
	4164.099, 4164.0911, 4164.0912, 4164.0913,	6
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	4164.10, 4164.11, 4164.12, 4164.13, 4164.15,	8
	4164.16, 4164.18, 4164.19, and 4164.20 of the	9
	Revised Code to enact the Advanced Nuclear	10
	Technology Helping Energize Mankind (ANTHEM) Act	11
	by establishing the Ohio Nuclear Development	12
	Authority.	13

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

Section 1. That section 3748.03 be amended and sections	14
3748.23, 4164.01, 4164.02, 4164.04, 4164.05, 4164.051, 4164.052,	15
4164.053, 4164.06, 4164.07, 4164.08, 4164.09, 4164.091,	16
4164.092, 4164.093, 4164.094, 4164.096, 4164.097, 4164.098,	17
4164.099, 4164.0911, 4164.0912, 4164.0913, 4164.0914, 4164.0916,	18

4164.0917, 4164.0918, 4164.10, 4164.11, 4164.12, 4164.13, 4164.15, 4164.16, 4164.18, 4164.19, and 4164.20 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 3748.03. (A) (1) (a) The governor, on behalf of the state, may enter into agreements with the United States nuclear regulatory commission as authorized by section 274(b) of the "Atomic Energy Act of 1954," 68 Stat. 919, 42 U.S.C.A. 2011, as amended, for the discontinuation of specified licensing and related regulatory authority of the commission with respect to byproduct material, source material, the commercial disposal of low-level radioactive waste, and special nuclear material in quantities not sufficient to form a critical mass and the assumption of that authority by the state.

(b) The governor, on behalf of the state, may also enter into agreements described in division (A)(1)(a) of this section with the the United States department of energy or branches of the United States military.

(2) The governor shall appoint a state liaison officer to the United States nuclear regulatory commission, who shall serve at the pleasure of the governor.

(B) The general assembly hereby designates the department 39 of health, in addition to the Ohio nuclear development authority 40 as the agency authorized to by division (F) of section 4164.11 41 of the Revised Code, may pursue agreement state status, on 42 behalf of the governor, for the assumption by the state of 43 specified licensing and related regulatory authority from the 44 commission pursuant to division (A) of this section. The 45 department shall and the Ohio nuclear development authority may 46 enter into negotiations with the commission for that purpose. 47

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(C) Any person who, on the effective date of an agreement 48 entered into by the state and the commission pursuant to 49 divisions (A) and (B) of this section, holds a license issued by 50 the commission for radioactive materials that are subject to the 51 agreement is deemed to hold a license issued under this chapter 52 and rules adopted under it. That license shall expire ninety 53 days after the holder receives a notice of expiration from the 54 department or on the date of expiration specified in the license 55 issued by the commission, whichever is later, provided that no 56 such license shall expire during the ninety days immediately 57 following the effective date of the agreement. 58 Sec. 3748.23. The rules adopted under this chapter shall 59

neither conflict with nor supersede the rules adopted under60Chapter 4164. of the Revised Code.61

Sec. 4164.01. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

(A) "Authority" means the Ohio nuclear development authority created and constituted under section 4164.04 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Council" means the Ohio nuclear development authority nominating council created and constituted under section 4164.09 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4164.02. It is the intent of the general assembly in70enacting this chapter of the Revised Code to encourage its use71as a model for future legislation to further the pursuit of72innovative research and development for any industry in this73state.74

Sec. 4164.04. There is hereby created and constituted75within the department of development, the Ohio nuclear76

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development authority. The authority's exercise of powers	77
conferred by this chapter is the performance of an essential	78
governmental function and addresses matters of public necessity	79
for which public moneys may be spent and private property	80
acquired.	81
Sec. 4164.05. (A) The authority shall consist of nine	82
members appointed by the governor, representing the following	83
three stakeholder groups within the nuclear-engineering-and-	84
manufacturing industry:	85
<u>(1) Safety;</u>	86
(2) Industry;	87
(3) Engineering research and development.	88
(B)(1) A member appointed from the safety group shall hold	89
at least a bachelor's degree in nuclear, mechanical, chemical,	90
or electrical engineering and at least one of the following	91
shall also apply:	92
(a) The member is a recognized professional in nuclear-	93
reactor safety or developing ISO 9000 standards.	94
(b) The member has been employed by or has worked closely	95
with the United States department of energy or the nuclear	96
regulatory commission and the member also has a professional	97
background in nuclear-energy-technology development or advanced-	98
nuclear-reactor concepts.	99
(c) The member has been employed by a contractor that has	100
built concept reactors and the member also worked with hazardous	101
substances, either nuclear or chemical, during that employment.	102
(2) A member appointed from the industry group shall have	103
at least five years of experience in one or more of the	104

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following:	105
(a) Nuclear-power-plant operation;	106
(b) Processing and extracting isotopes;	107
(c) Managing a facility that deals with hazardous	108
substances, either nuclear or chemical;	109
(d) Handling and storing nuclear waste.	110
(3) A member appointed from the engineering research and	111
development group shall hold at least a bachelor's degree in	112
nuclear, mechanical, chemical, or electrical engineering and the	113
member shall also be a recognized professional in at least one	114
of the following areas of study:	115
(a) Advanced nuclear reactors;	116
(b) Materials science involving the study of alloys and	117
metallurgy, ceramics, or composites;	118
(c) Molten-salt chemistry;	119
(d) Solid-state chemistry;	120
(e) Chemical physics;	121
(f) Actinide chemistry;	122
(g) Instrumentation and sensors;	123
(h) Control systems.	124
(C) The members shall be United States citizens and	125
residents of this state.	126
(D) The members shall serve five-year terms.	127
(E) Any appointment to fill a vacancy on the authority	128
shall be made for the unexpired term of the member whose death,	129

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resignation, or removal created the vacancy.	130
(F) Initial appointments under this section shall be made	131
not later than sixty days after the effective date of an	132
agreement made with the United States nuclear regulatory	133
commission, the United States department of energy, or branches	134
of the United States military under section 3748.03 of the	135
Revised Code.	136
Sec. 4164.051. The governor shall appoint members, and	137
fill vacancies in the membership, of the authority from lists of	138
nominees recommended by the council. The governor shall fill a	139
vacancy not later than thirty days after receipt of the	140
council's recommendations.	141
Sec. 4164.052. The governor, in the governor's discretion,	142
may reject all of the nominees recommended by the council and	143
reconvene the council for it to recommend additional nominees.	144
If the governor reconvenes the council and the council provides	145
a second list of nominees, the governor shall make the required	146
appointment from one of the names on the first or second list.	147
Sec. 4164.053. All appointments by the governor to the	148
authority are subject to the advice and consent of the senate.	149
Sec. 4164.06. No member shall be appointed to the	150
authority until an agreement is reached under section 3748.03 of	151
the Revised Code, consistent with division (F) of section	152
4164.05 of the Revised Code.	153
Sec. 4164.07. Immediately after appointment to the	154
authority under section 4164.05 of the Revised Code, the members	155
shall enter upon the performance of their duties.	156
Sec. 4164.08. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no	157
officer or employee of this state shall be deemed to have	158

forfeited, or shall have forfeited, the officer's or employee's 159 office or employment due to acceptance of membership on the 160 authority or by providing service to the authority. 161 Sec. 4164.09. There is hereby created the Ohio nuclear 162 development authority nominating council. 163 Sec. 4164.091. The council shall review, evaluate, and 164 make recommendations to the governor regarding potential 165 appointees to serve as members of the authority. 166 Sec. 4164.092. (A) Consistent with division (B) of section 167 4164.05 of the Revised Code, and for the purpose of making 168 initial and subsequent appointments, and for filling vacancies, 169 the council shall provide the governor with a list of 170 individuals who are, in the judgment of the council, the most 171 fully qualified to become members of the authority. 172 (B) For each initial appointment, and for each subsequent 173 or vacancy appointment, the council shall provide a list of four 174 possible appointees. 175 (C) The council shall provide the lists at the following 176 times: 177 (1) For each subsequent appointment, not more than eighty-178 five, nor less than sixty, days before the expiration of the 179 term of an authority member to be renewed or replaced; 180 (2) For each vacancy appointment, not more than thirty 181 days after the death of, resignation of, or termination of 182 service by, an authority member for whom a vacancy exists. 183 Sec. 4164.093. In reviewing, evaluating, and recommending 184 potential appointees to serve as members of the authority, the 185

council may solicit and accept comments from, and cooperate185

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with, any individual.	187
Sec. 4164.094. The council may make recommendations to the	188
general assembly concerning changes in law to assist the council	189
in the performance of its duties.	190
Sec. 4164.096. The council shall consist of seven members:	191
(A) The president of the senate, or the president's	192
<u>designee;</u>	193
(B) The speaker of the house of representatives, or the	194
<u>speaker's designee.</u>	195
(C) Five members of the Ohio state university's nuclear	196
engineering external advisory board.	197
Sec. 4164.097. (A) Of the seven members of the council,	198
the five members from the Ohio state university's nuclear	199
engineering external advisory board shall be appointed by the	200
governor.	201
(B) Initial appointments under this section shall be made	202
not later than thirty days after the effective date of this	203
section.	204
Sec. 4164.098. The term of office for council members	205
appointed by the governor shall be two years. Each appointed	206
member shall serve as a member of the council from the date of	207
appointment until the end of the term for which the member was	208
appointed.	209
The president of the senate, or the president's designee,	210
and the speaker of the house of representatives, or the	211
speaker's designee, shall serve on the council only during the	212
tenure of the president or speaker.	213

Sec. 4164.099. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy	214
occurring before the expiration of the term for which the member	215
was appointed shall hold office for the remainder of such term.	216
Any member shall continue in office after the expiration date of	217
the term for which the member was appointed until the member's	218
successor takes office, or until a period of sixty days has	219
elapsed, whichever occurs first. Each vacancy of an appointed	220
member shall be filled by appointment not later than sixty days	221
after the vacancy occurs and shall be filled in the same manner	222
as the original appointment.	223
Sec. 4164.0911. The council shall elect a chairperson and	224
a secretary at its initial meeting.	225
Sec. 4164.0912. The council shall hold its initial meeting	226
not later than thirty days after an agreement is reached under	227
section 3748.03 of the Revised Code. Subsequent meetings of the	228
council may be called by the chairperson. Special meetings shall	229
be called by the chairperson upon receipt of a written request	230
for a meeting signed by two or more members of the council.	231
Sec. 4164.0913. Before each meeting of the council,	232
written notice of the time and place of each meeting shall be	233
sent to each member of the council by mail or electronic mail.	234
Sec. 4164.0914. Four members of the council, or their	235
alternates, constitute a quorum. No measure shall be voted on,	236
or any action taken by the council unless a quorum is present.	237
Sec. 4164.0916. The council shall keep a record of its	238
proceedings.	239
Sec. 4164.0917. The council may adopt bylaws governing its	240
proceedings.	241
Sec. 4164.0918. Members of the council shall serve without	242

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compensation.	243
Sec. 4164.10. The authority is established for both of the	244
following purposes:	245
(A) To be an information resource for this state, the	246
United States nuclear regulatory commission, all branches of the	247
United States military, and the United States department of	248
energy on advanced-nuclear-research reactors, isotopes, and	249
<u>isotope technologies;</u>	250
(B) To make this state all of the following:	251
(1) A leader in the development and construction of new-	252
type advanced-nuclear-research reactors;	253
(2) A national and global leader in the commercial	254
production of isotopes and research;	255
(3) A leader in the research and development of high-	256
level-nuclear-waste reduction and storage technology.	257
Sec. 4164.11. The authority shall have all powers	258
necessary and convenient for carrying out its statutory	259
purposes, including the following powers:	260
(A) To adopt bylaws for the management and regulation of	261
<u>its affairs;</u>	262
(B) To develop and adopt a strategic plan for carrying out	263
the purposes set forth in this chapter;	264
(C) To foster innovative partnerships and relationships in	265
the state and among the state's public institutions of higher	266
education, private companies, federal laboratories, and	267
nonprofit organizations, to accomplish the purposes set forth in	268
this chapter;	269

(D) To identify and support, in cooperation with the	270
public and private sectors, the development of education	271
programs related to Ohio's isotope industry;	272
(E) To assume any regulatory powers delegated from the	273
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United States nuclear regulatory commission, the United States	274
department of energy, or any branch of the United States	275
military, or similar federal agencies, departments, or programs,	276
governing the construction and operation of noncommercial power-	277
producing nuclear reactors and the handling of radioactive	278
materials;	279
(F) To act in place of the governor in approving	280
agreements with the United States nuclear regulatory commission	281
and joint-development agreements with the United States	282
department of energy or an equivalent regulatory agency in the	283
event that any of the following occur:	284
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(1) The authority requests the commission to delegate	285
rules for a state-based nuclear research-and-development_	286
program.	287
(2) The authority requests to jointly develop advanced-	288
nuclear-research-reactor technology with the department under	289
the department's authority.	290
(3) The authority requests to jointly develop advanced-	291
nuclear-research-reactor technology with the United States	292
department of defense or another United States military agency	293
under the authority of the department or agency.	294
Sec. 4164.12. For the purpose of carrying out the Ohio	295
nuclear development authority's duties under sections 4164.01 to	296
4164.20 of the Revised Code, the authority may make use of the	297
staff and experts employed at the department of development in	298
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such manner as is provided by mutual arrangement between the	299
authority and the department.	300
Sec. 4164.13. Meetings of the authority shall be held in	301
compliance with section 121.22 of the Revised Code.	302
Sec. 4164.15. The authority shall work with industrial and	303
academic institutions and the United States department of energy	304
or branches of the United States military to approve designs for	305
the commercialization of advanced-nuclear-reactor components,	306
which may include any of the following:	307
(A) Advanced-nuclear-reactor-neutronics analysis and	308
experimentation, including reactor, plant, shielding, nuclear	309
data, source-program software, nuclear database, conceptual	310
design, core and system design, certification in the phases,	311
core-management and fuel-management technology, modeling, and	312
calculation;	313
(B) Advanced-nuclear-reactor safety and plant safety,	314
including reactor-system safety standards, accident-analysis	315
software, and accident-management regulations;	316
(C) Advanced-nuclear-reactor fuels and materials,	317
including long-life fuel, clad materials, structural materials,	318
component materials, absorber materials, circuit materials, raw	319
materials, fuels-and-materials research and development, testing	320
programs used to develop fuels and materials-manufacturing	321
processes, experimental data, formulae, technological processes,	322
and facilities and equipment used to manufacture advanced-	323
nuclear-reactor fuels and materials;	324
(D) Advanced-nuclear-reactor-nuclear-steam-supply systems	325
and their associated components and equipment, including design	326
standards, component, equipment, and systems design, thermal	327

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hydraulics, mechanics, and chemistry analysis;	328
(E) Advanced-nuclear-reactor engineered-safety features	329
and their associated components, including design standards,	330
component design, system design, and structural design;	331
(F) Advanced-nuclear-reactor building, including	332
containment design, structural analysis, and architectural	333
analysis;	334
(G) Advanced-nuclear-reactor instrumentation and control	335
and application of computer science, including survey, monitor,	336
control, and protection systems;	337
(H) Advanced-nuclear-reactor-quality practices,	338
nondestructive-inspection practices, and in-service-inspection	339
<pre>technology;</pre>	340
(I) Advanced-nuclear-reactor plant design and	341
construction, debug, test-run, operation, maintenance, and	342
decommissioning technology;	343
(J) Advanced-nuclear-reactor economic methodology and	344
evaluation technology;	345
(K) Treatment, storage, recycling, and disposal technology	346
for advanced-nuclear-reactor and system-spent fuel;	347
(L) Treatment, storage, and disposal technology for	348
advanced-nuclear-reactor and system radioactive waste;	349
(M) Other areas that the parties or their executive agents	350
agree upon in writing.	351
Sec. 4164.16. The authority shall give priority to	352
projects that reduce nuclear waste and produce isotopes.	353
Sec. 4164.18. On or before the fourth day of July of each	354

year, the authority shall submit an annual report of its	355
activities to the governor, the speaker of the house of	356
representatives, the president of the senate, and the chairs of	357
the house and senate committees that oversee energy-related	358
issues. The report shall be posted to the authority's web site.	359
Sec. 4164.19. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed	360
to supersede any agreement between the department of health and	361
the United States nuclear regulatory commission entered into	362
under section 3748.03 of the Revised Code with respect to	363
regulating activities not within the scope of activities of the	364
authority.	365
Sec. 4164.20. The authority shall, under Chapter 119. of	366
the Revised Code, adopt rules provided for by the United States	367
nuclear regulatory commission, department of energy, department	368
of defense or another United States military agency, or a	369
comparable federal agency for an Ohio state nuclear technology	370
research program for the purposes of developing and studying	371
advanced-nuclear research reactors to produce isotopes and to	372
reduce this state's high-level nuclear waste. The rules shall	373
reasonably ensure Ohioans of their safety in respect to nuclear	374
technology research and development and radioactive materials.	375
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Section 2. That existing section 3748.03 of the Revised	376
Code is hereby repealed.	377
Section 3. Not later than thirty days after the effective	378
date of this section, the Ohio nuclear development authority	379
nominating council shall provide the governor with a list of	380
possible initial appointees.	381