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§5B-2N-2b. Strategy for Developing Coal, Geothermal, Hydrogen, Hydropower, Natural Gas, and Nuclear Energy.

(a) The Office of Energy shall develop a recommended strategy to the Governor and Secretary of Commerce for developing coal, geothermal, hydrogen, hydropower, natural gas, and nuclear fueled energy in West Virginia's economy and energy infrastructure.

(b) Such strategy shall include, without limitation:

(1) A review of regulations and legislation needed to guide the development and achievement of economies of scale for the energy ecosystem in the state;

(2) Recommendations for post-secondary education or workforce initiatives to prepare the state's workforce for coal, geothermal, hydrogen, hydropower, natural gas, and nuclear fueled energy-related jobs;

(3) Recommendations, legislation, and policies to support coal, geothermal, hydrogen, hydropower, natural gas, and nuclear fueled energy facilities at sites throughout West Virginia;

(4) Recommendations regarding funding sources for developing coal, geothermal, hydrogen, hydropower, natural gas, and nuclear fueled energy programs and infrastructure; and

(5) Recommendations for potential end uses of coal, geothermal, hydrogen, hydropower, natural gas, and nuclear fueled energy.