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TITLE 2. GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA [8000 - 22980] *(Title 2 enacted by Stats. 1943, Ch. 134.)*

DIVISION 3. EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT [11000 - 15986] *(Division 3 added by Stats. 1945, Ch. 111.)*

PART 2. CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS [12001 - 12790] *(Part 2 added by Stats. 1945, Ch. 111.)*

CHAPTER 1.6. Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development [12096 - 12100.163] *(Chapter 1.6 added by Stats. 2011, Ch. 475, Sec. 2.)*

ARTICLE 10. Energy Unit [12100.110- 12100.110.] *(Article 10 added by Stats. 2021, Ch. 77, Sec. 12.)*

12100.110. (a) The **Energy Unit** is hereby created within the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development.

(b) The Governor shall appoint a deputy director who shall have direct authority over the **Energy Unit** and serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

(c) The purpose of the **Energy Unit** is to accelerate the planning, financing, and execution of critical **energy** infrastructure projects that are necessary for the state to reach its **climate**, **energy**, and sustainability policy goals.

(d) The **Energy Unit** shall work with **energy** project developers and load-serving entities, as defined in Section 380 of the Public Utilities Code, to identify barriers to construction and development of critical **energy** infrastructure projects and to make recommendations to relevant state agencies and local governments on how to overcome those barriers.

(e) The **Energy Unit** shall create a working group that includes local and federal partners to address land use issues related to critical **energy** infrastructure projects.

(f) In organizing and managing the **Energy Unit**, the deputy director shall establish and implement a process to coordinate between the state's **climate** and **energy** agencies in order to identify the critical **energy** infrastructure projects that will form the operational mandate of the **Energy Unit**.

(g) In operating the **Energy Unit**, the deputy director shall cooperate with local, regional, federal, and California public and private businesses and investors to eliminate barriers to the completion of critical **energy** infrastructure projects.

(h) The **Energy Unit**'s work shall complement, not conflict with, efforts by the state's **climate** and **energy** agencies.

(i) This section, and the **Energy Unit**'s implementation of this section, does not change the regulatory authority of the state's **climate** and **energy** agencies.

(j) (1) On or before February 1 of each year, the **Energy Unit** shall annually submit a report to the relevant policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature that includes all of the following information:

(A) The infrastructure priorities identified for purposes of the prior calendar year.

(B) The constituencies coordinated with in order to advance those infrastructure priorities in the prior calendar year.

(C) The strategies implemented and steps taken to address barriers to and advance critical **energy** infrastructure projects in the prior calendar year.

(D) Any recommendations to the Legislature that would accelerate the **Energy Unit**'s progress.

(2) A report to be submitted pursuant to this subdivision shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795.

(Added by Stats. 2021, Ch. 77, Sec. 12. (AB 137) Effective July 16, 2021.)