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2 Introduced by Representatives Coffey of Guilford and Sibilio of Dover

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Energy; nuclear power; Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory  
6 Panel

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to make changes  
8 to the membership of the Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel.

9 An act relating to changes to the Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens  
10 Advisory Panel

11 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

12 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 1700 is amended to read:

13 § 1700. CREATION; MEMBERSHIP; OFFICERS; QUORUM

14 (a) There is created the Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel  
15 that shall consist of the following:

16 (1) The Secretary of Human Services, ex officio, or designee.

17 (2) The Secretary of Natural Resources, ex officio, or designee.

18 (3) The Commissioner of Public Service, ex officio, or designee.

19 (4) The Secretary of Commerce and Community Development, ex  
20 officio, or designee.

1           (5) One member of the House Committee on Energy and Technology,  
2 chosen by the Speaker of the House.

3           (6) One member of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and  
4 Energy, chosen by the Committee on Committees.

5           (7) One representative of the Windham Regional Commission or  
6 designee, selected by the Regional Commission.

7           (8) ~~One representative~~ Two representatives of the Town of Vernon or  
8 ~~designee~~ designees, selected by the legislative body of that town.

9           (9) Six members of the public, two each selected by the Governor, the  
10 Speaker of the House, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Under  
11 this subdivision, each appointing authority initially shall appoint a member for  
12 a three-year term and a member for a four-year term. Subsequent  
13 appointments under this subdivision shall be for terms of four years.

14           (10) Two representatives of the Vermont Yankee ~~Nuclear Power Station~~  
15 ~~(VYNPS or Station)~~ site selected by the its owner of the ~~Station~~, NorthStar.

16           (11) ~~A representative of the International Brotherhood of Electric~~  
17 ~~Workers (IBEW) selected by the IBEW who shall be a present or former~~  
18 ~~employee at the VYNPS.~~

19           (12) One optional member who will represent collectively the Towns of  
20 Chesterfield, Hinsdale, Richmond, Swanzey, and Winchester, New Hampshire,

1 when selected by the Governor of New Hampshire at the invitation of the  
2 Commissioner of Public Service.

3 (~~13~~)(12) One optional member who will represent collectively the  
4 Towns of Bernardston, Colrain, Gill, Greenfield, Leyden, Northfield, and  
5 Warwick, Massachusetts, when selected by the Governor of Massachusetts at  
6 the invitation of the Commissioner of Public Service.

7 (b) Ex officio members shall serve for the duration of their time in office or  
8 until a successor has been appointed. Members of the General Assembly shall  
9 be appointed for two years or until their successors are appointed, beginning on  
10 or before January 15 in the first year of the biennium. Representatives  
11 designated by ex officio members shall serve at the direction of the designating  
12 authority.

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14 (f) Members of the panel who are not ex officio members, employees of the  
15 State of Vermont, representatives of the ~~VYNPS~~ Vermont Yankee site, or  
16 members representing towns outside Vermont, and who are not otherwise  
17 compensated or reimbursed for their attendance, shall be entitled to \$50.00 per  
18 diem and their necessary and actual expenses. Funds for this purpose shall  
19 come from the monies collected under 30 V.S.A. § 22 for the purpose of  
20 maintaining the Department of Public Service. Legislative members shall not

1 be entitled to a per diem under this section for meetings while the General  
2 Assembly is in session.

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4 Sec. 2. 18 V.S.A. § 1701 is amended to read:

5 § 1701. DUTIES

6 The Panel shall serve in an advisory capacity only and shall not have  
7 authority to direct decommissioning of the ~~VYNPS~~ Vermont Yankee site. The  
8 duties of the Panel shall be:

9 (1) To hold a minimum of ~~four~~ three public meetings each year for the  
10 purpose of discussing issues relating to the decommissioning of ~~the VYNPS~~  
11 Vermont Yankee. The Panel may hold additional meetings.

12 (2) To advise the Governor, the General Assembly, the agencies of the  
13 State, and the public on issues related to the decommissioning of ~~the VYNPS~~  
14 Vermont Yankee, with a written report being provided annually to the  
15 Governor and to the energy committees of the General Assembly. The  
16 provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of reports) shall not apply to this  
17 report.

18 (3) To serve as a conduit for public information and education on and to  
19 encourage community involvement in matters related to the decommissioning  
20 of ~~the VYNPS~~ Vermont Yankee and to receive written reports and

1 presentations on the decommissioning of the ~~Station~~ site at its regular  
2 meetings.

3 (4) To periodically receive reports, including those required by the  
4 Public Utility Commission Docket No. 8880 Order, on the Decommissioning  
5 Trust Fund and other funds associated with decommissioning of or site  
6 restoration at ~~the VYNPS~~ Vermont Yankee, including fund balances,  
7 expenditures made, and reimbursements received.

8 (5) To receive reports and presentations at regular meetings regarding  
9 the decommissioning progress and plans for the VYNPS Vermont Yankee,  
10 including any site assessments and post-shutdown decommissioning  
11 assessment reports; provide a forum for receiving public comment on these  
12 plans and reports; and ~~to~~ provide comment on these plans and reports as the  
13 Panel may consider appropriate to State agencies and the owner of ~~the VYNPS~~  
14 Vermont Yankee and in the annual report described in subdivision (2) of this  
15 subsection.

16 Sec. 3. 18 V.S.A. § 1702 is amended to read:

17 § 1702. ASSISTANCE

18 The Department of Public Service, the Agency of Human Services, and the  
19 Agency of Natural Resources shall furnish administrative support to the Panel,  
20 with assistance from the owners of ~~the VYNPS~~ Vermont Yankee as the  
21 Commissioner of Public Service may consider appropriate.

1       Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

2       This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.