

Coal Legislation - 2020 Overview



- Despite the pandemic shortening the length of legislative sessions, nearly 50 pieces of coal-related legislation were debated in the states this year.
- SSEB members Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia considered a total of 19 coal-related bills during their respective sessions.
- Those bills covered a range of issues from coal ash impoundment and carbon capture targets to tax credits and workforce development.
- A complete summary can be found in our guide of *Passed and Pending Legislation*, available at [SSEB.org](https://www.sseb.org).

Notable Coal Legislation



- **HB 1414** in **Indiana**: Alters the requirements needed to retire coal-fired generation plants.
- **HB 528** in **Virginia**: Directs the State Corporation Commission to determine when utilities should retire coal-fired or natural gas-fired electric generation facilities.
- **SB 793** in **West Virginia**: Reduces the B&O tax liability for coal-fired electric power generation units by up to \$15.0 million in 2022 and by as much as \$16.3 million each year thereafter.
- **HB 4** in **Wyoming**: Creates the Wyoming Coal Marketing Program designed to protect and expand Wyoming's coal markets.
- **HB 6** in **Ohio**: Allows a local utility to collect a monthly surcharge to help with cost-recovery for two coal-fired generation plants.