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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF
ADMINISTRATION--STATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS METRICS

Introduced By: Representative Arthur Handy

Date Introduced: March 03, 2023

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 42-11 of the General Laws entitled "Department of Administration"
2 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:
- 3 **42-11-22. State construction projects metrics.**
- 4 (a) The state division of planning in conjunction with the division of capital asset
5 management and maintenance and the office of energy resources shall, for all state construction
6 projects under the purview of the department of administration which exceed ten million dollars
7 (\$10,000,000) in cost, prepare an environmental and energy checklist.
- 8 (b) The environmental and energy checklist shall consider the following issues:
- 9 (1) Coastal flooding during storm surges in one hundred (100) and five hundred (500) year
10 flood events on the site for the project;
- 11 (2) Other flooding during one hundred (100) and five hundred (500) year flood events on
12 the site for the project;
- 13 (3) Resilience of facilities at the site to coastal and other flooding during one hundred (100)
14 and five hundred (500) year flood events for the project;
- 15 (4) Impact of the project on flooding and stormwater management for neighboring
16 properties, particularly vulnerable state facilities;
- 17 (5) Alternative stormwater management strategies;
- 18 (6) Energy efficiency of the facility and any intentions to pursue leadership in energy and

- 1 environmental design (LEED) or other similar standards for the project;
- 2 (7) Any present value costs/savings/comparisons/evaluations used for heating, ventilation,
- 3 and air conditioning (HVAC) systems;
- 4 (8) Intentions and plans to use efficient, renewable or any alternative energy sources on the
- 5 project;
- 6 (9) Access to public transit, pedestrians and bicycles; and
- 7 (10) Any other environmental and energy issues that the department of administration
- 8 deems necessary, critical, and relevant to the long-term success of the project.
- 9 (c) Once created, the planning division shall make the checklist available to those persons
- 10 within the department of administration who are responsible for the management of the state
- 11 construction projects meeting the criteria set forth in subsection (a) of this section. The person
- 12 responsible for the management of the construction project shall complete the checklist and shall
- 13 sign it and certify that it will be maintained and placed with all other publicly accessible
- 14 construction project materials in accordance with applicable retention records policies.
- 15 (d) Nothing herein shall require the checklist to be completed to the satisfaction of the
- 16 division of planning. Rather, the intent of this section is to consider the substance contained in the
- 17 checklist during the design and construction phases of a building construction project.
- 18 (e) Where possible, other branches, departments, agencies, and institutions of the state shall
- 19 create and consider a similar checklist where applicable.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would require that the division of planning, in conjunction with division of capital
2 asset management and office of energy resources, create a checklist of environmental and energy
3 issues that certain state construction projects which cost in excess of ten million dollars
4 (\$10,000,000) would need to consider and address during the design and construction phases of a
5 building construction project.

6 This act would take effect upon passage.

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