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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE AGENCY EMISSION  
REPORTING

Introduced By: Representatives Bennett, Edwards, Vella-Wilkinson, Carson, Speakman,  
Fogarty, Cotter, McGaw, Cortvriend, and Boylan

Date Introduced: March 08, 2024

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 42 of the General Laws entitled "STATE AFFAIRS AND  
2 GOVERNMENT" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 6.3

4 STATE AGENCY EMISSION REPORTING

5 **42-6.3-1. Short title.**

6 This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "State Agency Emission Reporting"

7 **42-6.3-2. Executive climate change coordinating council emissions reporting by state**  
8 **agencies.**

9 The executive climate change coordinating council (EC4) shall develop a template to be  
10 used by all agencies of the state to track their climate emissions to uphold the pathway to the  
11 legislative goals of chapter 6.2 of title 42 ("2021 act on climate"). The template shall include, but  
12 not be limited to, data on an agency's energy usage, fleet, and renewable energy systems. Each  
13 state agency's plan shall be aligned with the most recent EC4 annual report promulgated pursuant  
14 to § 42-6.2-7. No later than July 1, 2026, and every five (5) years thereafter, state agencies shall  
15 update their emissions reporting on the template for the EC4 to review. If an agency is unable to  
16 provide the data needed on the template, the agency shall consult with the EC4 for a path forward  
17 to identify, measure, and track the necessary data.

1 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 the executive climate change coordinating council (EC4) to develop  
2 a template to be used by all agencies of the state to track their climate emissions to uphold the  
3 pathway to Rhode Island's act on climate legislative goals.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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