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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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

Introduced By: Representatives Handy, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Batista, and Sanchez

Date Introduced: February 11, 2026

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 prepare an environmental  
6 and energy checklist for all state construction projects under the purview of the department of  
7 administration which exceed ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) in cost.

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 (b) 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 in this section shall require the checklist to be completed to the satisfaction of  
16 the division of planning, as 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  
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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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