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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE

Introduced By: Senators DiMario, Lauria, Euer, Gu, Valverde, Mack, Murray, and  
Kallman

Date Introduced: February 27, 2026

Referred To: Senate Environment & Agriculture

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 42-6.2-8 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-6.2 entitled "2021 Act  
2 on Climate" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **42-6.2-8. Powers and duties of state agencies — Exercise of existing authority.**

4           Addressing the impacts on climate change shall be deemed to be within the powers, duties,  
5 and obligations of all state departments, agencies, commissions, councils, and instrumentalities,  
6 including quasi-public agencies, and each shall exercise among its purposes in the exercise of its  
7 existing authority, the purposes set forth in this chapter pertaining to climate change mitigation,  
8 adaptation, and resilience in so far as climate change affects its mission, duties, responsibilities,  
9 projects, or programs. [The governor, in presenting proposed budget articles for each fiscal year,](#)  
10 [shall set forth the climate considerations that were undertaken to move the state towards the](#)  
11 [mandated goals set forth in this chapter.](#) Each agency shall have the authority to promulgate rules  
12 and regulations necessary to meet the greenhouse gas emission reduction mandate established by §  
13 42-6.2-9.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would require the governor, when presenting proposed budget articles for each  
2 fiscal year, to set forth the climate considerations that were undertaken to move the state towards  
3 the mandated goals set forth in the 2021 Act on Climate.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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