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HOUSE BILL 1826

Short Title: Climate Change/State Agency Reports. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Harrison, Underhill (Primary Sponsors); Faison and Glazier.

Referred to: Energy and Energy Efficiency, if favorable, Environment and Natural Resources.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT STATE AGENCIES TO EVALUATE AND REPORT
2 ANNUALLY ON THEIR ACTIVITIES AND RESEARCH RELATED TO
3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND CLIMATE CHANGE AND TO DIRECT
4 THE STATE ENERGY OFFICE TO PREPARE AN ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF
5 THE STATE'S ACTIVITIES RELATED TO GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS
6 AND CLIMATE CHANGE.
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8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.** The following State agencies shall report to the State Energy
10 Office of the Department of Administration no later than 1 October of each year on their
11 activities and research related to greenhouse gas emissions and climate change:

- 12 (1) The Department of Administration.
- 13 (2) The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
- 14 (3) The Department of Commerce.
- 15 (4) The Department of Crime Control and Public Safety.
- 16 (5) The Department of Environment and Natural Resources.
- 17 (6) The Department of Health and Human Services.
- 18 (7) The Department of Insurance.
- 19 (8) The Department of Revenue.
- 20 (9) The Department of Transportation.
- 21 (10) The Utilities Commission.

22 **SECTION 2.** The reports required in Section 1 of this act shall include all of
23 the following information:

- 24 (1) A description of any studies or research related to greenhouse gas
25 emissions and climate change conducted by the agency.
- 26 (2) A description of planning by the agency related to greenhouse gas
27 emissions and climate change.

- 1 (3) A description of present and projected risks and vulnerabilities to the
2 agency's areas of responsibility with regard to greenhouse gas
3 emissions and climate change.
- 4 (4) A description of the agency's utilization of sources of information
5 related to greenhouse gas emissions and climate change.
- 6 (5) A list of key personnel and offices in each agency related to
7 greenhouse gas emissions and climate change.
- 8 (6) A list of recommendations to address present and projected risks and
9 vulnerabilities to the agency's areas of responsibility with regard to
10 greenhouse gas emissions and climate change.

11 **SECTION 3.** The State Energy Office shall publish at least quarterly a
12 newsletter that provides information on relevant research and models of State action
13 related to greenhouse gas emissions and climate change to the key personnel and offices
14 in each agency listed in Section 1 of this act. The State Energy Office shall post the
15 newsletter on the State Energy Office Web site and shall also distribute the newsletter
16 electronically via the Internet.

17 **SECTION 4.** The State Energy Office shall review the reports it receives
18 pursuant to Section 1 of this act and prepare an annual assessment on the adequacy and
19 general preparedness of State agencies with regard to greenhouse gas emissions and
20 climate change. The State Energy Office shall report to the Governor, the General
21 Assembly, and the Environmental Review Commission no later than 1 January of each
22 year on its assessment of the adequacy and general preparedness of State agencies with
23 regard to greenhouse gas emissions and climate change. The State Energy Office shall
24 also distribute its annual assessment in the following formats:

- 25 (1) Distribute printed copies of the report to the agencies listed in Section
26 1 of this act.
- 27 (2) Post the assessment on the State Energy Office Web site.
- 28 (3) Maintain printed copies of the assessment for inspection at the State
29 Energy Office.
- 30 (4) Establish an interested parties electronic distribution list and distribute
31 the assessment via the Internet.

32 **SECTION 5.** The State agencies listed in Section 1 of this act shall submit
33 the first reports required by Section 1 of this act to the State Energy Office on or before
34 1 October 2008. The State Energy Office shall submit the first electronic newsletter
35 required by Section 3 of this act on or before 1 January 2008. The State Energy Office
36 shall submit the first report required by Section 4 of this act to the Governor, the
37 General Assembly, and the Environmental Review Commission on or before 1 January
38 2009.

39 **SECTION 6.** This act is effective when it becomes law.