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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE CONSTRUCTION
PROJECTS METRICS

Introduced By: Representatives Handy, Naughton, Azzinaro, Williams, and Lima

Date Introduced: February 26, 2015

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 42-11 of the General Laws entitled "Department of
2 Administration" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **42-11-22. State construction projects metrics.** – (a) The state division of planning shall,
4 for all state construction projects which exceed two million five hundred thousand dollars
5 (\$2,500,000) in cost, prepare an environmental and energy checklist.

6 (b) The required construction checklist shall contain, consider and address the following
7 issues:

8 (1) Coastal flooding during storm surges in one hundred (100) and five hundred (500)
9 year flood events on the site for the project;

10 (2) Other flooding during one hundred (100) and five hundred (500) year flood events on
11 the site for the project;

12 (3) Resilience of facilities at the site to coastal and other flooding during one hundred
13 (100) and five hundred (500) year flood events for the project;

14 (4) Impact of the project on flooding and stormwater management for neighboring
15 properties, particularly vulnerable state facilities;

16 (5) Alternative stormwater management strategies;

17 (6) Energy use of the facility and how it compares to similar new state facilities;

18 (7) Energy efficiency of the facility and any intentions to pursue leadership energy and

1 environmental design (LEED) or other similar standards for the project;

2 (8) Any present value costs/savings/comparisons/evaluations used for heating,
3 ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems and other significant energy using devices
4 being used in other state facilities;

5 (9) Intentions to use renewable or any alternative energy on the project;

6 (10) Access to public transit, pedestrians and bicycles; and

7 (11) Any other environmental and energy issues that the planning division deems
8 necessary, critical, and relevant to the long-term success of the project.

9 (c) The planning division official who prepared and authorized the mandatory checklist
10 must sign it and certify that it will be permanently maintained and placed with all other publicly
11 accessible construction project materials.

12 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 create a checklist of environmental
2 and energy issues that all state construction projects which cost in excess of two million five
3 hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) must consider and address.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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