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**"AN ACT REDUCING ELECTRICITY COSTS AND PROMOTING RENEWABLE ENERGY."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the purposes of this  
4 section and section 502 of this act:

5 (1) "Climate expenditure" means any state expenditure designed to  
6 reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

7 (2) "CO<sub>2</sub>e" means carbon dioxide equivalent calculated as  
8 greenhouse gases normalized to metric tons of carbon dioxide.

9 (3) "Certified carbon offsets" means carbon credits certified to meet  
10 the United Nation's Clean Development Mechanism.

11 (b) Any state agency, prior to making a climate expenditure  
12 intended to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, shall provide the

13 following information: (1) The number of tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e reduced by  
14 such action; (2) the total cost of such action; and (3) the cost per ton of  
15 such CO<sub>2</sub>e reduction.

16 (c) Any state contract that is required to implement a climate  
17 expenditure shall include the cost per ton of CO<sub>2</sub>e reduction in the  
18 performance provisions of such contract.

19 Sec. 502. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The State Contracting  
20 Standards Board shall regularly audit state contracts to ensure that  
21 climate expenditure contracts meet performance standards for cost per  
22 ton of CO<sub>2</sub>e. If any such audit indicates that a contractor is not in  
23 compliance, such contractor shall: (1) Provide certified carbon offsets  
24 equivalent to the difference between actual emissions reductions and  
25 contracted emissions reductions, or (2) refund a portion of the contract  
26 funds to the state until the cost per ton of CO<sub>2</sub>e reduction meets the  
27 benchmark included in such contract.

28 (b) Each state agency that executes climate expenditure contracts  
29 shall, on or before January first of each year, provide to the joint  
30 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
31 matters relating to the environment a report, in accordance with the  
32 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, that outlines the  
33 performance of such individual contracts, and that includes: (1) The  
34 total tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e reduced under each such contract; (2) the total  
35 dollar value of each such contract; and (3) the cost per ton of CO<sub>2</sub>e  
36 reduced under the terms of such contract. Any agency that fails to  
37 submit such report shall have all funding for all climate expenditures  
38 suspended until such report is submitted."