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Introduced by M. of A. EPSTEIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to requiring the governor to submit an annual agency climate expenditure report

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new section 75-0121 to read as follows:

§ 75-0121. Agency climate expenditure reporting.

1. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Agency" means any department, board, bureau, commission, division, office, or committee of the state, or state authority.

(b) "State authority" shall mean a public authority or public benefit corporation created by or existing under the public authorities law, or any other law of the state of New York, with one or more of its members appointed by the governor or who serve as members by virtue of holding a civil office of the state, other than an interstate or international authority or public benefit corporation, including subsidiaries of such public authority or public benefit corporation.

(c) "State climate goals" means the statewide greenhouse gas emissions limits established pursuant to section 75-0107 of this article and any rules or regulations promulgated thereto, and any state measures and actions contained in the scoping plan created pursuant to subdivision thirteen of section 75-0103 of this article.

2. Annual agency climate expenditure report. In addition to the information required by article VII of the constitution, the governor shall submit to the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly, as early as practicable, but no later than January thirtieth of each year, an annual agency climate expenditure report. Such report

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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shall contain a comprehensive estimate and summary of spending, to achieve the state climate goals for each individual agency and for the state as a whole, broken down for each individual climate goal including:

(a) a breakdown of funds allocated in the prior fiscal year;

(b) amounts of funds actually spent in the prior fiscal year;

(c) funds needed for the upcoming fiscal year; and

(d) an analysis of how the use of such funds under paragraphs (a) through (c) of this subdivision have met or are projected to meet requirements for benefiting disadvantaged communities under section 75-0111 of this article, and under the criteria established pursuant to such section.

3. Achievement of state climate goals. Upon a determination by the council that any specific state climate goal has been met, such state climate goal shall no longer be required to be included in future annual agency climate expenditure reports submitted pursuant to subdivision two of this section.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.