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STATE OF COLORADO

**PREAMENDED**

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LLS NO. 16-0826.01 Thomas Morris x4218

**HOUSE BILL 16-1004**

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**HOUSE SPONSORSHIP**

Winter and Arndt,

**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

(None),

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**House Committees**

Health, Insurance, & Environment

**Senate Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT TO INCLUDE MEASURABLE GOALS THAT**  
102               **ARE SUBJECT TO DEADLINES IN COLORADO'S CLIMATE ACTION**  
103               **PLAN.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/bills summaries>.)*

The bill requires:

- !      The state climate action plan to include specific measurable goals, the achievement of which will either reduce Colorado's greenhouse gas emissions or increase Colorado's adaptive capability to respond to climate

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

change, along with associated near-term, mid-term, and long-term deadlines to achieve the goals; and  
! The annual climate report to the general assembly to include an analysis of the progress made in meeting the measurable goals and deadlines specified in the plan.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-20-111, **amend**  
3 (2) (a) and (3) (a) as follows:

4 **24-20-111. Climate change position created - duties - report.**

5 (2) The duties of the position created pursuant to subsection (1) of this  
6 section include, at a minimum:

7 (a) Development and periodic update of a climate action plan or  
8 similar document that sets forth a strategy, including specific policy  
9 recommendations AND MEASURABLE GOALS BASED ON THE BEST  
10 AVAILABLE SCIENCE, THE ACHIEVEMENT OF WHICH WILL BOTH REDUCE  
11 COLORADO'S GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND INCREASE COLORADO'S  
12 ADAPTIVE CAPABILITY TO RESPOND TO CLIMATE CHANGE, ALONG WITH  
13 ASSOCIATED NEAR-TERM, MID-TERM, AND LONG-TERM DEADLINES TO  
14 ACHIEVE THE GOALS, that the state could use to address climate change  
15 and reduce its greenhouse gas emissions; and

16 (3) (a) The governor or his or her designee shall submit an annual  
17 report to the house agriculture, livestock, and natural resources  
18 committee, the house transportation and energy committee, and the senate  
19 agriculture, natural resources, and energy committee, or any successor  
20 committees, on climate change issues generally, the current climate action  
21 plan developed under this section, and the specific ways in which climate  
22 change affects the state. The report:

23 (I) May address, as appropriate, the correlations between climate

1 change and wildfires, bark beetle infestation, snowpack, water storage,  
2 drought, and statewide emissions of greenhouse gases; ~~The report~~ AND

3 (II) Shall include:

4 (A) Information regarding efforts to reduce emissions of gases  
5 and to reform practices known to exacerbate climate change effects;

6 (B) ~~The report shall also include~~ Additional prospective proposals  
7 to prepare the state for the effects of climate change and proposals to  
8 further reduce the factors that contribute to climate change within  
9 Colorado; AND

10 (C) AN ANALYSIS OF THE PROGRESS MADE IN MEETING THE  
11 MEASURABLE GOALS SPECIFIED IN THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN, INCLUDING  
12 WHETHER COLORADO IS ON TRACK TO MEET THE NEAR-TERM, MID-TERM,  
13 AND LONG-TERM DEADLINES SPECIFIED IN THE PLAN.

14 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
15 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
16 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
17 10, 2016, if adjournment sine die is on May 11, 2016); except that, if a  
18 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
19 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
20 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
21 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
22 November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
23 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.