
DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits obligation or expenditure of state funds for programs, initiatives, or activities tied to net-zero greenhouse gas emissions goals.

Proposed law prohibits the allocation, expenditure, or obligation of state funds by a state entity (including agencies, departments, boards, commissions, etc.) for any program, project, or activity that is directly tied to or supports the achievement of net-zero greenhouse gas emissions goals. Defines "net-zero greenhouse gas emissions goals" to mean objectives aimed at achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by a particular date or within a particular timeframe, as outlined in the Climate Initiatives Task Force's February 2022 La. Climate Action Plan. Further defines "state funds" to mean any monies appropriated by the state, except where federal law mandates expenditure for such purposes without state discretion.

Proposed law provides the following exceptions:

- (1) Compliance with federal laws, regulations, or court orders that predate proposed law and are not discretionary.
- (2) Obligations under contracts or agreements entered into prior to the effective date of proposed law.
- (3) Expenditures related to certain incentives for reduction of pollutants or harmful chemicals.
- (4) Emergency expenditures necessary for public health, safety, or disaster response.

Proposed law authorizes a citizen or entity with knowledge of a violation of proposed law to institute a civil action against the public entity to enjoin any violation. Provides restrictions on the types of information upon which the citizen or entity may rely for their suit. Authorizes the court to award costs and reasonable attorney fees to a prevailing party.

Applies to state funds appropriated for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2026. Provisions of proposed law will sunset on Jan. 1, 2031.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 39:77.1)