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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to state renewable energy goals;
3 creating s. 377.821, F.S.; directing the Office of
4 Energy within the Department of Agriculture and
5 Consumer Services, in consultation with other state
6 agencies, state colleges and universities, public
7 utilities, and other private and public entities, to
8 develop a unified statewide plan to generate the
9 state's energy from renewable sources by specified
10 dates; requiring state and public entities to
11 cooperate as requested; providing plan requirements;
12 requiring the office to submit the plan and updates to
13 the Governor and Legislature; providing an effective
14 date.

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16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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18 Section 1. Section 377.821, Florida Statutes, is created to
19 read:

20 377.821 State renewable energy goals.-

21 (1) The Office of Energy within the Department of
22 Agriculture and Consumer Services, in consultation with other
23 state agencies, state colleges and universities, public
24 utilities, and other private and public entities, is directed to
25 develop a unified statewide plan to generate 100 percent of the
26 state's energy from renewable sources by 2050. All public
27 agencies, state colleges and universities, and public utilities
28 must cooperate with the office as requested. The plan must
29 include interim goals to generate at least 40 percent of the

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30 state's energy from renewable sources by 2030.

31 (2) Achieving 100 percent renewable energy generation is
32 intended to provide unique benefits to the state, including all
33 of the following:

34 (a) Displacing fossil fuel consumption within the state.

35 (b) Adding new electrical generating facilities in the
36 transmission network.

37 (c) Reducing air pollution, particularly criteria pollutant
38 emissions and toxic air contaminants.

39 (d) Contributing to the safe and reliable operation of the
40 electrical grid, including providing predictable electrical
41 supply, voltage support, lower line losses, and congestion
42 relief.

43 (e) Enhancing economic development and job creation in the
44 clean energy industry.

45 (3) The plan must consider the potential impact of existing
46 and additional renewable energy incentives and programs with an
47 emphasis on solar and distributed resources, including energy
48 storage. The plan must also consider the impact of power
49 purchase agreements on attaining 100 percent renewable energy
50 generation. The office must submit a statewide plan outlining
51 potential strategies to reach the goals of this section to the
52 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
53 House of Representatives by January 1, 2021, and must provide
54 updates on the progress of achieving the state's renewable
55 energy goals each January 1 thereafter.

56 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.