By Senator Rodriguez

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

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

Section 1. Section 377.821, Florida Statutes, is created to
read:
377.821 State renewable energy goals.—
(1) The Office of Energy within the Department of
Agriculture and Consumer Services, in consultation with other
state agencies, state colleges and universities, public
utilities, and other private and public entities, is directed to
develop a unified statewide plan to generate 100 percent of the
state’s energy from renewable sources by 2050. All public
agencies, state colleges and universities, and public utilities
must cooperate with the office as requested. The plan must
include interim goals to generate at least 40 percent of the
state’s energy from renewable sources by 2030.

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

(a) Displacing fossil fuel consumption within the state.
(b) Adding new electrical generating facilities in the transmission network.
(c) Reducing air pollution, particularly criteria pollutant emissions and toxic air contaminants.
(d) Contributing to the safe and reliable operation of the electrical grid, including providing predictable electrical supply, voltage support, lower line losses, and congestion relief.
(e) Enhancing economic development and job creation in the clean energy industry.

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

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