

**Department of Planning and Budget  
2026 General Assembly Session  
State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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**ORIGINAL**

**Bill Number:** HB323 ER

**Patron:** Sullivan

**Bill Title:** Data centers; Department of Energy to identify opportunities for use of waste heat, report

**Bill Summary:** Directs the Department of Energy to lead efforts to accelerate the use of waste heat from data centers in the Commonwealth by making certain findings and recommendations and convening a work group to provide expertise, assistance, and feedback on the Department's efforts. The bill requires the Department to submit a report of its efforts, findings, legislative proposals, and recommendations no later than September 1, 2026.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**Items Impacted:** N/A

**Explanation:** This bill involves the Department of Energy; however, no budget action is needed.

**Fiscal Summary:** It is anticipated that any fiscal impact resulting from this bill can be absorbed within existing appropriations.

**Fiscal Analysis:** The bill directs Energy to lead efforts to accelerate the beneficial use of heat waste generated by data centers within the Commonwealth. Energy would be required to convene a stakeholder workgroup and submit a report to lawmakers by September 1, 2026.

Energy anticipates that any costs associated with this bill can be absorbed within existing appropriations.

**Other:** None.