A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING A PROHIBITION ON COLORADO'S INVOLVEMENT IN A STATE-LEVEL CLIMATE COLLABORATION THAT ATTEMPTS TO REDUCE CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS.

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://leg.colorado.gov.)

The bill prohibits the governor from involving Colorado in any state-level climate collaboration that attempts to reduce carbon dioxide emissions or to otherwise promote the goals of the Paris Agreement within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.
Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-20-111, add (4)
as follows:

24-20-111. Climate change - position - report - prohibition -
definition. (4) (a) The governor shall not enter Colorado into or
involve Colorado with a state-level climate collaboration. If,
as of the effective date of this subsection (4), the governor has
already entered Colorado into or involved Colorado with a
state-level climate collaboration, the governor shall
withdraw Colorado from and cease all executive branch
activities in connection with the state-level climate
collaboration.

(b) For purposes of this subsection (4), "state-level
climate collaboration":

(I) Means an organization or alliance of states that
attempts to reduce carbon dioxide emissions or to otherwise
promote the goals of the Paris Agreement within the United
Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change dealing with
greenhouse gas emissions mitigation, adaptation, and finance;
and

(II) Includes the United States Climate Alliance, Western
Climate Initiative, Inc., Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, and
any analogous or successor organization or alliance.

SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act
takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
8, 2018, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2018; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.