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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 2861

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-1-77, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO CONDUCT A
3 COST ANALYSIS OF GAS-ELECTRIC HYBRID OR ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES,
4 TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A CERTAIN NUMBER OF SUCH VEHICLES;
5 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 25-1-77, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 25-1-77. (1) No state department, institution or agency
10 shall purchase any motor vehicle, regardless of the source of
11 funds from which the motor vehicle is to be purchased, except
12 under authority granted by the Department of Finance and
13 Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration
14 shall promulgate rules and regulations governing the purchase of
15 any motor vehicle by a state department, institution or agency
16 with regard to the appropriateness of the vehicle to its intended
17 use. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not grant
18 authority to purchase a motor vehicle which is not the most
19 appropriate vehicle type for its intended use unless specifically
20 approved by the Legislature.

21 (2) (a) It is not the intent of the Legislature for the
22 Department of Finance and Administration to determine the
23 sufficient number of motor vehicles needed by each state
24 department, institution or agency, but to regulate the purchase so
25 that the vehicle is the most appropriate type for its intended
26 use. Further, it is the intent of the Legislature that any motor
27 vehicle purchased shall be made with due concern for economical
28 and efficient use, but shall also meet the needs of the



29 department, institution or agency. The department, institution or
30 agency shall maintain proper documentation signed by the executive
31 director which provides the intended use of the vehicle and the
32 basis for choosing the vehicle. Such documentation shall show
33 that the department, institution or agency made reasonable efforts
34 to purchase a vehicle that is economical and appropriate for its
35 intended use. All such documentation shall be maintained and made
36 available for review by the State Auditor and any other reviewing
37 agency.

38 (b) The Department of Finance and Administration is
39 directed to conduct a cost analysis study of gas-electric hybrids
40 or alternative fuel vehicles taking into consideration vehicle
41 cost, maintenance, operation, fuel efficiency, safety,
42 availability and any other relevant factors.

43 (c) Without changing the total allocation of vehicles
44 for any agency, the Department of Finance and Administration may
45 select one or more agencies to participate in the cost analysis
46 study and may authorized the purchase of no more than a total of
47 ten (10) gas-electric hybrid or alternative fuel vehicles for
48 purposes of conducting its study.

49 (d) The Department of Finance and Administration shall
50 file a report of the cost analysis study with the Chairman of the
51 Senate Environmental, Conservation and Water Resources Committee
52 and the Chairman of the House Conservation and Water Resources
53 Committee on or before January 2, 2003.

54 (3) The State Auditor shall make on-site visits and conduct
55 audits necessary to ensure the intent of this section. On or
56 before July 1 of each year, the State Auditor shall prepare and
57 deliver to the Senate and House Fees, Salaries and Administration
58 Committees and the Joint Legislative Budget Committee a report
59 containing any irregularities that he finds concerning purchases
60 of state-owned vehicles.



61 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
62 and after July 1, 2002.

