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To: Transportation; Ways and Means

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 986

1 AN ACT TO AMEND MISSISSIPPI CODE ANNOTATED TO ADD A NEW
2 SECTION IN CHAPTER 1 OF TITLE 65 TO ALLOW FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE
3 PARTNERSHIPS TO ESTABLISH ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS AND
4 TO ALLOW THE MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TO PROVIDE
5 GRANTS TO PRIVATE COMPANIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ELECTRIC
6 VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Mississippi Transportation Commission
9 may in its discretion design, construct, operate, maintain,
10 regulate and/or control, individually or jointly with other
11 government entities, one or more electric vehicle charging
12 stations in the state for electric motor vehicle traffic. All
13 such electric vehicle charging station structures and other
14 related infrastructure comprising the project shall be built and
15 maintained in accordance with not less than the minimum standards
16 established by the commission for such stations and related
17 facilities.

18 (2) The commission may contract, individually or jointly
19 with any persons, corporations, partnerships or other businesses
20 licensed to do business in the State of Mississippi (hereinafter



21 referred to as "companies" or "company") for the purpose of
22 designing, financing, constructing, operating and maintaining one
23 or more new electric vehicle charging stations.

24 (3) Such contracts may provide that the commission may grant
25 funds to a company for the design, construction, operation and/or
26 maintenance of new electric vehicle charging stations.

27 (4) All such structures and other infrastructure comprising
28 the project shall be built and maintained in accordance with not
29 less than the minimum design, construction and maintenance
30 standards established by the commission and the Mississippi
31 Department of Transportation for such charging stations,
32 infrastructure and facilities. The commission may have MDOT
33 conduct periodic inspections of any such charging station
34 throughout the terms of the contract to ensure compliance by the
35 company. Failure of a company to comply with minimum standards
36 established for the project by the contracting governmental entity
37 shall constitute a breach and shall subject the company to
38 liability on its bond and security or rescission of the contract in
39 accordance with the terms and provisions of the contract.

40 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
41 and after its passage.

