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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.

