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BILL SUMMARY

- Creates the Hybrid Vehicle Acquisition Study Committee to study the feasibility of replacing the existing state motor vehicle fleet with hybrid vehicles.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The bill creates in uncodified law a 14-member Hybrid Vehicle Acquisition Study Committee to study the feasibility, impact, and costs to the state of replacing all or a portion of the existing state motor vehicle fleet over time with hybrid vehicles (see **COMMENT**). The Committee will consist of four Senate members--two from each party, appointed by the Senate President; four House of Representatives members--two from each party, appointed by the House Speaker; the Director of Environmental Protection or the Director's designee; the Director of Natural Resources or the Director's designee; the Director of Administrative Services or the Director's designee; the Director of Transportation or the Director's designee; and one member representing a statewide environmental advocacy organization, and one member representing the automobile industry, each appointed jointly by the Senate President and the House Speaker. Appointments must be made no later than 14 days after the bill's effective date, and a chairperson is to be chosen for the Committee jointly by the Senate President and the House Speaker. (Section 1(B) and (C).)

The study must include, but need not be limited to, an evaluation of all of the following: (1) the feasibility and cost of replacing all or some of the state's motor vehicle fleet over time with hybrid vehicles, (2) the cost savings to be realized by reduced fuel consumption, (3) the environmental impact of the state's use of hybrid vehicles, (4) the location and capacity in which the use of hybrid vehicles would be most appropriate, and (5) programs in other states requiring the use of hybrid vehicles. The study must be completed along with a report of its results no later than six months after the bill's effective date. The report must be

submitted to the Senate President and the House Speaker, and copies must be made available to all members of the General Assembly. The Committee ceases to exist upon completion of the report. (Section 1(C) and (D).)

COMMENT

The bill defines a "hybrid vehicle" as a road vehicle that can draw propulsion energy from both a consumable fuel and a rechargeable energy storage system (Section 1(A)).

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