

SENATE BILL No. 238

DIGEST OF SB238 (Updated January 27, 1998 12:02 pm - DI 92)

Citations Affected: Noncode.

Synopsis: Motor vehicle transportation funds. Creates the motor vehicle transportation oversight study committee to oversee motor vehicle transportation funds and motor vehicle transportation needs in Indiana. Requires the committee to study the methods and levels of funding of highways, the distribution of highway funds, the use of highway funds after distribution, alternative financing techniques for highway and motor vehicle needs, and motor vehicle transportation issues identified by the committee as requiring study. Provides for the appointment of members to the committee. Requires annual reports from the committee to the legislative council. Allows the committee to employ consultants.

Effective: July 1, 1998.

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January 8, 1998, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.
January 29, 1998, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 1997 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning utilities and transportation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998] (a) As used in this
2 SECTION, "committee" refers to the motor vehicle transportation
3 oversight study committee established by subsection (b).
4 (b) The motor vehicle transportation oversight study committee
5 is established to oversee motor vehicle transportation funds and
6 motor vehicle transportation needs in Indiana.
7 (c) The committee shall study:
8 (1) the methods and levels of funding for highways;
9 (2) the distribution of highway funds;
10 (3) the use of highway funds after distribution;
11 (4) alternative financing techniques for highway and motor
12 vehicle needs; and
13 (5) other motor vehicle transportation issues identified by the
14 committee as requiring study.
15 (d) The committee may study other topics assigned by the
16 legislative council or as directed by the committee chair.
17 (e) The committee consists of fourteen (14) members appointed

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1 as follows:

2 (1) Four (4) members of the senate, not more than two (2) of
3 whom may be affiliated with the same political party, to be
4 appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.

5 (2) Four (4) members of the house of representatives, not
6 more than two (2) of whom may be affiliated with the same
7 political party, to be appointed by the speaker of the house of
8 representatives.

9 (3) Two (2) individuals who are not members of the general
10 assembly to be appointed by the president pro tempore of the
11 senate.

12 (4) Two (2) individuals who are not members of the general
13 assembly to be appointed by the speaker of the house of
14 representatives.

15 (5) The commissioner of the bureau of motor vehicles.

16 (6) The commissioner of the Indiana department of
17 transportation.

18 The individuals appointed under subdivisions (3) and (4) must be
19 experts in the areas of finance, transportation, or highway funds
20 management.

21 (f) The chair of the legislative council shall appoint a member of
22 the committee to serve as chair of the committee. Whenever there
23 is a new chair of the legislative council, the new chair may remove
24 the chair of the committee and appoint another chair.

25 (g) If a legislative member of the committee ceases to be a
26 member of the chamber from which the member was appointed,
27 the member also ceases to be a member of the committee.

28 (h) A legislative member of the committee may be removed at
29 any time by the appointing authority who appointed the legislative
30 member.

31 (i) If a vacancy exists on the committee, the appointing authority
32 who appointed the former member whose position is vacant shall
33 appoint an individual to fill the vacancy.

34 (j) The committee shall submit an annual report of the results
35 of its study to the legislative council before November 1.

36 (k) The legislative services agency shall provide staff support to
37 the committee.

38 (l) The committee may employ consultants to assist with its
39 study.

40 (m) Each member of the committee is entitled to receive the
41 same per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to individuals
42 who serve as legislative and lay members, respectively, of interim



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- 1 **study committees established by the legislative council.**
- 2 **(n) The affirmative votes of a majority of the members**
- 3 **appointed to the committee are required for the committee to take**
- 4 **action on any measure, including final reports.**
- 5 **(o) This SECTION expires December 31, 2000.**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Roads and Transportation, to which was referred Senate Bill 238, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, line 17, delete "twelve (12)" and insert "**fourteen (14)**".

Page 2, between lines 14 and 15, begin a new line block indented and insert:

"(5) The commissioner of the bureau of motor vehicles.

(6) The commissioner of the Indiana department of transportation."

Page 2, between lines 40 and 41, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(n) The affirmative votes of a majority of the members appointed to the committee are required for the committee to take action on any measure, including final reports."

Page 2, line 41, delete "(n)" and insert "**(o)**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to Senate Bill 238 as introduced.)

RIEGSECKER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0.

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