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ENGROSSED SENATE BILL No. 272

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Citations Affected: Noncode.

Synopsis: Northwest Indiana Transportation. Extends the northwest Indiana commuter rail and transportation study commission through November 1, 2001. Provides for the appointment of a vice chairperson. Adds the study of high speed rail service to the responsibilities of the commission.

Effective: July 1, 1999.

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(HOUSE SPONSORS — BROWN C, FESKO, STEVENSON)

January 7, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure.

February 25, 1999, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

March 2, 1999, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

March 3, 1999, engrossed. Read third time, passed. Yeas 48, nays 0.

HOUSE ACTION

March 8, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.

April 5, 1999, reported — Do Pass.

April 8, 1999, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

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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 1998 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning utilities and transportation.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. P.L.241-1997, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ
2 AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: SECTION 1. (a) As used
3 in this SECTION, "member" refers to a person appointed under
4 subsection (c)(3) or (c)(4) or to a legislator whose district includes all
5 or part of Lake County, Porter County, LaPorte County, St. Joseph
6 County, or Elkhart County.
- 7 (b) The northwest Indiana **transportation** study commission is
8 established.
- 9 (c) The commission consists of fourteen (14) voting members
10 appointed as follows:
- 11 (1) Six (6) members of the senate, not more than three (3) of
12 whom may be members of the same political party, appointed by
13 the president pro tempore of the senate.
- 14 (2) Six (6) members of the house of representatives, not more
15 than three (3) of whom may be members of the same political
16 party, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.
- 17 (3) One (1) individual who is not a legislator, appointed by the
18 Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission.

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- 1 (4) One (1) individual who is not a legislator, appointed by the
 2 Michiana Area Council of Governments.
- 3 (d) ~~The president pro tempore of the senate chairman of the~~
 4 **legislative council** shall select one (1) member of the commission to
 5 serve as the chairperson **and the vice chairman of the legislative**
 6 **council shall select one (1) member of the commission to serve as**
 7 **the vice chairperson.**
- 8 (e) The commission shall ~~study the following issues:~~
 9 (1) **evaluate existing studies that address the needs and**
 10 **viability of high speed rail service in and through the state,**
 11 **including the:**
 12 (A) **Midwest High Speed Rail Initiative Study;**
 13 (B) **Federal Railroad Administration High Speed Rail**
 14 **Study; and**
 15 (C) **the Indiana Passenger Rail Study;**
 16 (2) **review other high speed rail issues identified by the**
 17 **commission as requiring study;**
 18 ~~(1) The feasibility of establishing improvements to~~ (3) **monitor**
 19 **the development of** commuter transportation and rail service in
 20 the ~~Westlake County-Chicago~~ **Lowell-Chicago** and
 21 Valparaiso-Chicago corridors;
 22 ~~(2) At~~ (4) **study all** aspects of regional mass transportation and
 23 road and highway needs in Lake County, Porter County, LaPorte
 24 County, St. Joseph County, and Elkhart County; **and**
 25 ~~(3) The commission may~~ (5) study other topics as assigned by the
 26 legislative council.
- 27 (f) The commission shall submit a final report of the commission's
 28 findings and recommendations to the legislative council before
 29 November 1, ~~1999~~. **2001.**
- 30 (g) Each member of the commission is entitled to receive the same
 31 per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to individuals serving as
 32 legislative or lay members on interim study committees established by
 33 the legislative council.
- 34 (h) The legislative services agency shall provide staff support to the
 35 commission.
- 36 (i) This SECTION expires November 2, ~~1999~~. **2001.**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 272, 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 2, line 3, strike "president pro tempore of the senate" and insert "**chairman of the legislative council**".

Page 2, line 4, after "and" insert "**the vice chairman of the legislative council shall select**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 272 as introduced.)

GARTON, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 4, Nays 3.

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SENATE MOTION

Mr. President: I move that Senate Bill 272 be amended to read as follows:

Page 2, line 8, strike "study the following issues".

Page 2, between lines 8 and 9, begin a new paragraph block indented and insert the following:

“(1) evaluate existing studies that address the needs and viability of high speed rail service in and through the state, including the:

(A) Midwest High Speed Rail Initiative Study;

(B) Federal Railroad Administration High Speed Rail Study; and

(C) the Indiana Passenger Rail Study;

(2) review other high speed rail issues identified by the commission as requiring study;”

Page 2, line 9, strike “(1) The feasibility of establishing improvements to” and insert “**(3) monitor the development of**”.

Page 2, line 10, strike “Westlake County-Chicago” and insert “**Lowell-Chicago**”.

Page 2, line 11, delete “.” and insert “;”.

Page 2, line 12, strike “(2) All” and insert “**(4) study all**”.

Page 2, line 14, after “Elkhart County” delete “.” and insert “; **and**”.

Page 2, line 15, strike “(3) The commission may” and insert “**(5)**”.

(Reference is to SB 272 as printed February 26, 1999.)

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Roads and Transportation, to which was referred Senate Bill 272, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

COOK, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 12, nays 0.

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HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Engrossed Senate Bill 272 be amended to read as follows:

Page 1, line 7, delete " commuter rail and transportation" and insert "**transportation**".

(Reference is to ESB 272 as printed April 6, 1999.)

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