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SENATE BILL No. 275

DIGEST OF SB 275 (Updated February 8, 1999 4:45 p.m.) - DI KCC)

Citations Affected: Noncode.

Synopsis: High speed rail commission. Creates the high speed rail commission to study high speed rail in the state. Provides for commission membership and administration.

Effective: July 1, 1999.

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January 7, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure.
February 9, 1999, amended; reassigned to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure.

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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 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, 1999] (a) **As used in this**
2 **SECTION, "commission" refers to the high speed rail commission**
3 **established by subsection (b).**

4 (b) **The high speed rail commission is established to study high**
5 **speed rail in Indiana.**

6 (c) **The commission shall:**

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

10 (A) **Midwest High Speed Rail Initiative Study;**

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

13 (C) **the Indiana Passenger Rail Study;**

14 (2) **survey the transportation needs of the state and assess how**
15 **well current plans at the federal, state, and local levels meet**
16 **the transportation needs of the state;**

17 (3) **conduct public hearings throughout the state regarding**

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1 high speed rail and allow public testimony;

2 (4) represent the interests of the state in all major high speed
3 rail studies; and

4 (5) review other high speed rail issues identified by the
5 commission as requiring study.

6 (d) The commission may study other topics assigned by the
7 legislative council or as directed by the commission chair.

8 (e) The commission consists of eleven (11) members appointed
9 as follows:

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

13 (2) Three (3) members of the house of representatives, not
14 more than two (2) of whom may be affiliated with the same
15 political party, to be appointed by the speaker of the house of
16 representatives.

17 (3) Three (3) members appointed by the governor, not more
18 than two (2) of whom may be affiliated with the same political
19 party.

20 (4) One (1) member representing the Indiana High Speed Rail
21 Initiative appointed by the governor.

22 (5) One (1) member representing the United Transportation
23 Union appointed by the governor.

24 (f) The chairman of the legislative council shall appoint a
25 legislative member of the commission to serve as chair of the
26 commission. Whenever there is a new chairman of the legislative
27 council, the new chairman may remove the chair of the commission
28 and appoint another chair.

29 (g) If a legislative member of the commission ceases to be a
30 member of the chamber from which the member was appointed,
31 the member also ceases to be a member of the commission.

32 (h) A legislative member of the commission may be removed at
33 any time by the appointing authority who appointed the legislative
34 member.

35 (i) If a vacancy exists on the commission, the appointing
36 authority who appointed the former member whose position is
37 vacant shall appoint an individual to fill the vacancy.

38 (j) The commission shall submit a final report of the results of
39 its study to the legislative council before November 1, 2001. The
40 report must include an analysis of how transportation within the
41 state would be affected by high speed rail and recommendations
42 from the commission for further action on high speed rail in the

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- 1 state.
- 2 (k) The legislative services agency shall provide staff support to
- 3 the commission.
- 4 (l) Each member of the commission is entitled to receive the
- 5 same per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to individuals
- 6 who serve as legislative and lay members, respectively, of interim
- 7 study commissions established by the legislative council.
- 8 (m) The affirmative votes of a majority of the members
- 9 appointed to the commission are required for the commission to
- 10 take action on any measure, including the final report.
- 11 (n) This SECTION expires December 31, 2001.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 275, 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:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

(SEE TEXT OF BILL)

and when so amended that said bill be reassigned to the Senate Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure.

(Reference is to SB 275 as introduced.)

GARTON, Chairperson

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