

# 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:
- SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999] (a) **As used in this SECTION, "commission" refers to the high speed rail commission established by subsection (b).**
- (b) **The high speed rail commission is established to study high speed rail in Indiana.**
- (c) **The commission shall:**
  - (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) **survey the transportation needs of the state and assess how well current plans at the federal, state, and local levels meet the transportation needs of the state;**
  - (3) **conduct public hearings throughout the state regarding high speed rail and allow public testimony;**
  - (4) **represent the interests of the state in all major high speed rail studies; and**
  - (5) **review other high speed rail issues identified by the commission as requiring study.**
- (d) **The commission may study other topics assigned by the legislative council or as directed by the commission chair.**
- (e) **The commission consists of eleven (11) members appointed as follows:**
  - (1) **Three (3) members of the senate, not more than two (2) of whom may be affiliated with the same political party, to be appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.**
  - (2) **Three (3) members of the house of representatives, not more than two (2) of whom may be affiliated with the same political party, to be appointed by the speaker of the house**



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**(n) This SECTION expires December 31, 2001.**

(Reference is to SB 275 as introduced.)

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

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