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Substitute Senate Bill No. 468

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The Committee on Environment reported through SEN. FINCH of the 22nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ALTERNATIVE AIR QUALITY COMPLIANCE TASK FORCE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) On or before September 1, 2006,
2 the Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall convene the
3 initial meeting of the Alternative Air Quality Task Force established
4 under subsection (b) of this section. The task force shall review and, on
5 or before January 1, 2007, report its findings and recommendations, in
6 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
7 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
8 cognizance of matters relating to the environment concerning
9 alternative air quality compliance methods to replace or modify
10 current motor vehicle emissions testing, including, but not limited to,
11 (1) remote motor vehicle emissions sampling; (2) higher efficiency and
12 lower emissions fleet replacement or retrofitting of state vehicles and
13 state assisted vehicle operations; (3) state tax incentives and other
14 assistance for higher efficiency and lower emissions commercial fleet,

15 other commercial use and personal use vehicle replacement or
 16 retrofitting; (4) expansion of the availability and use of alternative
 17 motor vehicle fuels; and (5) incentives to increase use of mass transit
 18 alternatives. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits
 19 such report or on January 1, 2007, whichever is later.

20 (b) The task force shall consist of eleven members appointed as
 21 follows: (1) Six members having professional, scientific experience or
 22 knowledge in air quality measurement and compliance, two of whom
 23 shall be appointed by the Governor, one by the speaker of the House of
 24 Representatives, one by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one
 25 by the minority leader of the House of Representatives and one by the
 26 minority leader of the Senate; (2) two members having professional,
 27 scientific experience or knowledge in alternative fuels, one of whom
 28 shall be appointed by the majority leader of the House of
 29 Representatives and one by the majority leader of the Senate; (3) the
 30 Commissioner of Environmental Protection, or the commissioner's
 31 designee, who shall also chair the task force; (4) the Commissioner of
 32 Economic and Community Development, or the commissioner's
 33 designee; and (5) the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or the
 34 commissioner's designee.

35 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than
 36 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
 37 filled by the appointing authority.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

ENV *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: See Below

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

To the extent any of the appointees are legislators, Legislative Management may incur minimal costs for the legislator mileage reimbursement which are part of the normal budgetary resources of the agency. Any increase in the workloads of the Departments of Environmental Protection, Economic and Community Development, and Motor Vehicles is anticipated to be minimal and handled within the resources of each agency.

The Out Years

Since the task force terminates on or before Jan. 1, 2007, there is no out year impact.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

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