Proposed Bill No. 6234

Referral:
Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduction:
Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELECTRIFICATION OF TRANSPORTATION IN THE STATE.

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

That the general statutes be amended to: (1) Require all vehicles purchased or leased by the state, including transit buses, to be battery electric vehicles; (2) streamline permitting and grid-interconnection processes for new electric vehicle charging stations; (3) create or expand offices offering technical assistance for local governments, school districts and small businesses to gain access to programs funded by the federal Inflation Reduction Act; (4) require electric distribution companies to plan for a greater number of electric vehicles in their service territories and fund grid improvements; and (5) require faster adoption of zero-emission school buses by boards of education in the state.

Statement of Purpose:
To (1) require state vehicle procurement to be fully electric, (2) streamline the permitting and opening of new electric vehicle charging sites, (3) create state offices to provide technical assistance to local governments concerning the Inflation Reduction Act, (4) require utilities
to plan for the increased use of electric vehicles in the state and fund related grid improvements, and (5) accelerate electrification of the state's school bus fleet.