

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to government vehicles; amending s.
 3 286.29, F.S.; revising the selection criteria for
 4 purchasing or leasing vehicles for state agencies,
 5 state universities, community colleges, and local
 6 governments under a state purchasing plan; removing a
 7 provision requiring the use and procurement of ethanol
 8 and biodiesel blended fuels; requiring the Department
 9 of Management Services, before a specified date, to
 10 make recommendations to state agencies, state
 11 universities, community colleges, and local
 12 governments relating to the procurement and
 13 integration of electric and natural gas fuel vehicles;
 14 providing an effective date.

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 16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 18 Section 1. Subsections (4) and (5) of section 286.29,
 19 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

20 286.29 Climate-friendly public business.—The Legislature
 21 recognizes the importance of leadership by state government in
 22 the area of energy efficiency and in reducing the greenhouse gas
 23 emissions of state government operations. The following shall
 24 pertain to all state agencies when conducting public business:

25 (4) When procuring new vehicles, all state agencies, state

26 | universities, community colleges, and local governments that
 27 | purchase vehicles under a state purchasing plan shall first
 28 | define the intended purpose for the vehicle and determine which
 29 | of the following use classes for which the vehicle is being
 30 | procured:

- 31 | (a) State business travel, designated operator;
- 32 | (b) State business travel, pool operators;
- 33 | (c) Construction, agricultural, or maintenance work;
- 34 | (d) Conveyance of passengers;
- 35 | (e) Conveyance of building or maintenance materials and
 36 | supplies;
- 37 | (f) Off-road vehicle, motorcycle, or all-terrain vehicle;
- 38 | (g) Emergency response; or
- 39 | (h) Other.

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 41 | Vehicles described in paragraphs (a) through (h), when being
 42 | processed for purchase or leasing agreements, must be selected
 43 | based on the lowest lifetime ownership costs, including costs
 44 | for fuel, operations, and maintenance, ~~for the greatest fuel~~
 45 | ~~efficiency available for a given use class when fuel economy~~
 46 | ~~data are available.~~ Exceptions may be made for individual
 47 | vehicles in paragraph (g) when accompanied, during the
 48 | procurement process, by documentation indicating that the
 49 | operator or operators will exclusively be emergency first
 50 | responders or have special documented need for exceptional

51 vehicle performance characteristics. Any request for an
52 exception must be approved by the purchasing agency head and any
53 exceptional performance characteristics denoted as a part of the
54 procurement process prior to purchase.

55 ~~(5) All state agencies shall use ethanol and biodiesel~~
56 ~~blended fuels when available. State agencies administering~~
57 ~~central fueling operations for state-owned vehicles shall~~
58 ~~procure biofuels for fleet needs to the greatest extent~~
59 ~~practicable.~~

60 Section 2. Before July 1, 2024, the Department of
61 Management Services shall make recommendations to state
62 agencies, state universities, community colleges, and local
63 governments regarding the procurement of electric and natural
64 gas fuel vehicles and best practices for integrating such
65 vehicles into existing fleets.

66 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.