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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to energy; amending s. 286.29, F.S.;
3 revising the selection criteria for purchasing or
4 leasing vehicles for state agencies, state
5 universities, community colleges, and local
6 governments under a state purchasing plan; specifying
7 that, if available, a state agency must use certain
8 fuels in vehicles with internal combustion engines;
9 requiring the Department of Management Services,
10 before a specified date, to make recommendations to
11 state agencies, state universities, community
12 colleges, and local governments relating to the
13 procurement and integration of electric and natural
14 gas fuel vehicles and other vehicles powered by
15 renewable energy; providing an effective date.

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

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

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

26 (4) When procuring new vehicles, all state agencies, state
27 universities, community colleges, and local governments that
28 purchase vehicles under a state purchasing plan shall first
29 define the intended purpose for the vehicle and determine which

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30 of the following use classes for which the vehicle is being
31 procured:

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

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42 Vehicles described in paragraphs (a) through (h), when being
43 processed for purchase or leasing agreements, must be selected
44 based on the lowest lifetime ownership costs, including costs
45 for operations, maintenance, and fuel when fuel economy data is
46 available, ~~for the greatest fuel efficiency available~~ for a
47 given use class ~~when fuel economy data are available~~. Exceptions
48 may be made for individual vehicles in paragraph (g) when
49 accompanied, during the procurement process, by documentation
50 indicating that the operator or operators will exclusively be
51 emergency first responders or have special documented need for
52 exceptional vehicle performance characteristics. Any request for
53 an exception must be approved by the purchasing agency head and
54 any exceptional performance characteristics denoted as a part of
55 the procurement process prior to purchase.

56 (5) When a state agency purchases a vehicle with an
57 internal combustion engine, it must ~~All state agencies shall~~ use
58 ethanol and biodiesel blended and natural gas fuels when

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59 available. State agencies administering central fueling
60 operations for state-owned vehicles with an internal combustion
61 engine shall procure biofuels for fleet needs to the greatest
62 extent practicable.

63 Section 2. Before July 1, 2024, the Department of
64 Management Services shall make recommendations to state
65 agencies, state universities, community colleges, and local
66 governments regarding the procurement of electric and natural
67 gas fuel vehicles and other vehicles powered by renewable energy
68 as defined in s. 366.91(2), Florida Statutes, and best practices
69 for integrating such vehicles into existing fleets.

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