

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; deleting 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.