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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1220

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 3, 2021

BILL AMENDED: Feb 1, 2021

SUBJECT: 21st Century Energy Policy Development Task Force.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Soliday

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Koch

BILL STATUS: As Passed House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: The bill reestablishes the 21st Century Energy Policy Development Task Force (task force), following its expiration on December 2, 2020.

The bill provides that the task force consists of 15 members as follows: (1) Six members of the House of Representatives, with four of those members appointed by the Speaker, and two appointed by the Minority Leader. (2) Six members of the Senate, with four of those members appointed by the President Pro Tempore, and two appointed by the Minority Leader. (3) Three members appointed by the Governor, each of whom must have specified experience with respect to energy.

The bill provides that: (1) one of the members appointed by the Speaker; and (2) one of the members appointed by the President Pro Tempore; shall serve as co-chairs of the task force.

The bill provides that an individual appointed to serve on the task force at any time before December 2, 2020, under the expired statute governing the task force may be appointed to serve on the task force after December 1, 2020, under these new provisions, at the discretion of the appointing authority.

The bill provides that: (1) all meetings of the task force shall be open to the public in accordance with the state's open door law; and (2) all records of the task force are subject to the requirements of the state's public records law. It sets forth specific issues that the task force must study not later than November 1, 2022.

The bill requires the task force to: (1) develop recommendations for the General Assembly and the Governor concerning these issues; (2) issue a report setting forth the recommendations developed; and (3) not later than November 1, 2022, submit the report to the Executive Director of the Legislative Services Agency (LSA),

the Office of the Governor, the chair of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, and the Indiana Utility Consumer Counselor. It provides that these provisions expire July 2, 2023.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill reestablishes the 21st Century Energy Policy Development Task Force to study the following: management of stranded utility assets, methods to ensure fairness across customer classes, appropriate regulation of distributed energy resources, the impact of utility plant or fuel source site closures on communities, the state of energy efficiency efforts in Indiana, energy issues affecting low income communities and communities of color, potential use of green zones or energy investment districts, methods for the state to encourage electricity storage technology research, the impact of large scale electric vehicle deployment on the electric grid, electric vehicle charging station ownership, and demand response and pricing systems.

This bill establishes a 15-member task force consisting of 12 legislators and 3 lay members. The committee is to operate under the policies governing study committees adopted by the Legislative Council. Legislative Council resolutions in the past have established budgets for interim study committees in the amount of \$13,500 per interim for committees with fewer than 16 members. [The now-expired 21st Century Energy task force had expenses between \$10,000 and \$12,000 in both 2019 and 2020.]

The bill directs the task force to submit a report to the Executive Director of the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) for distribution to the members of the General Assembly, the Office of the Governor, the chair of the IURC, and the Indiana Utility Consumer Counselor, no later than December 1, 2022. The bill requires LSA to provide staff to support the task force. This provision will increase the LSA workload.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: General Assembly; Legislative Services Agency.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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