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## HOUSE BILL No. 1168

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DIGEST OF HB 1168 (Updated February 2, 2021 8:21 pm - DI 134)

**Citations Affected:** IC 9-13.

**Synopsis:** Electric vehicles and advanced technology. Establishes the electric vehicle product commission.

**Effective:** July 1, 2021.

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January 7, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.  
February 4, 2021, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 9-13-3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
2 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2021]:  
4 **Chapter 3. Electric Vehicle Product Commission**  
5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the**  
6 **electric vehicle product commission established by section 3 of this**  
7 **chapter.**  
8 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "electric vehicle product" means**  
9 **a battery powered electric vehicle, an alternative powertrain**  
10 **technology vehicle, a hydrogen powered vehicle, or a plug-in**  
11 **hybrid electric vehicle, and charging stations needed to promote**  
12 **the use of those vehicles.**  
13 **Sec. 3. The electric vehicle product commission is established.**  
14 **Sec. 4. The commission consists of ten (10) members, appointed**  
15 **as follows:**  
16 **(1) Six (6) members who are Indiana residents, or are**  
17 **employed by a business with a nexus in Indiana, appointed by**

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1 the governor. Two (2) members shall be representatives of the  
 2 automotive vehicle and component manufacturing industry.  
 3 One (1) member shall be a representative of a labor union  
 4 representing workers in the automotive vehicle and  
 5 component manufacturing industry. One (1) member shall be  
 6 a representative of Energy Systems Network. One (1) member  
 7 shall be a representative of the Battery Innovation Center.  
 8 One (1) member shall be a member or employee of the  
 9 Indiana Chamber of Commerce, as recommended to the  
 10 governor by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce.

11 (2) Four (4) members of the general assembly who are  
 12 appointed under section 6 of this chapter.

13 Sec. 5. (a) The governor shall annually designate one (1) of the  
 14 members appointed under section 4(1) of this chapter as  
 15 chairperson of the commission.

16 (b) Members of the commission appointed under section 4(1) of  
 17 this chapter serve a four (4) year term.

18 Sec. 6. (a) Four (4) members of the general assembly shall be  
 19 appointed as members of the commission as follows:

20 (1) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint  
 21 two (2) members of the house of representatives, both of  
 22 whom may not be members of the same political party.

23 (2) The president pro tempore of the senate shall appoint two  
 24 (2) members of the senate, both of whom may not be members  
 25 of the same political party.

26 (b) A member of the commission appointed under subsection (a)  
 27 serves until the member's current term of office as a member of the  
 28 general assembly expires.

29 (c) A vacancy under subsection (a) shall be filled by the officer  
 30 who appointed the vacating legislator. A legislative member  
 31 appointed under this subsection serves until the end of the  
 32 unexpired term of the vacating legislator.

33 (d) A member of the commission appointed under this section  
 34 may be reappointed.

35 Sec. 7. Six (6) members of the commission constitute a quorum.

36 Sec. 8. The commission is responsible for making all policy  
 37 decisions relating to the duties and powers of the commission.

38 Sec. 9. (a) Each member of the commission who is not a state  
 39 employee is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by  
 40 IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The member is also entitled to reimbursement  
 41 for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other  
 42 expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties



1 as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the  
 2 Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget  
 3 agency. Expenses incurred under this subsection shall be paid out  
 4 of the funds appropriated to the lieutenant governor.

5 (b) Each member of the commission who is a member of the  
 6 general assembly is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage,  
 7 and travel allowances paid to members of the general assembly  
 8 serving on interim study committees established by the legislative  
 9 council.

10 **Sec. 10. The purposes of the commission are to:**

11 (1) evaluate the inventory of existing electric vehicle product  
 12 facilities and production capability;

13 (2) evaluate the inventory of skilled and nonskilled workers in  
 14 the electric vehicle product industry;

15 (3) evaluate opportunities and needs for training within the  
 16 electric vehicle product industry;

17 (4) determine if training centers promoting careers in the  
 18 electric vehicle product industry should be created or  
 19 transitioned from traditional automotive industry training  
 20 centers;

21 (5) identify existing manufacturing competencies within the  
 22 traditional automotive industry and determine how the  
 23 existing competencies could be leveraged to increase the  
 24 production of electric vehicles;

25 (6) identify and evaluate opportunities for growth within the  
 26 electric vehicle product industry;

27 (7) identify and document results from previous instances of  
 28 retooling and transforming manufacturing facilities in the  
 29 automotive industry; and

30 (8) identify opportunities for research and development  
 31 within the electric vehicle product industry.

32 **Sec. 11. The commission shall submit an annual report to the**  
 33 **Indiana economic development corporation. The report must**  
 34 **include a description of all activities undertaken by the commission**  
 35 **during the prior state fiscal year. The commission shall submit the**  
 36 **report:**

37 (1) not later than September 30 of each year; and

38 (2) in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

39 **Sec. 12. This chapter expires December 31, 2026.**



## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred House Bill 1168, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 1 through 17.

Page 2, delete lines 1 through 6.

Page 2, line 20, delete "nine (9)" and insert "**ten (10)**".

Page 2, line 22, delete "Five (5)" and insert "**Six (6)**".

Page 2, line 22, after "residents" insert ", **or are employed by a business with a nexus in Indiana,**".

Page 2, line 29, after "Center." insert "**One (1) member shall be a member or employee of the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, as recommended to the governor by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce.**".

Page 3, line 12, delete "Five (5)" and insert "**Six (6)**".

Page 3, line 40, delete "determine which" and insert "**identify existing manufacturing competencies within the**".

Page 3, line 40, delete "facilities" and insert "**and determine how the existing competencies could be leveraged to increase the production of electric vehicles;**".

Page 3, delete line 41.

Page 4, delete lines 15 through 18.

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1168 as introduced.)

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Committee Vote: yeas 24, nays 0.

