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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 518

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Requesting the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission and the Auditor of Public Accounts to study management of the Commonwealth's centralized vehicle fleet and use of government-owned motor vehicles by state employees.

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Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, in 2001, the General Assembly enacted legislation (House Bill No. 2419, Chapter 815 of the Acts of Assembly of 2001) that transferred responsibility for management of the Commonwealth's centralized vehicle fleet from the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner to the Director of the Department of General Services; and

WHEREAS, management of the Commonwealth's centralized vehicle fleet involves not only acquisition and maintenance of numerous vehicles and types of vehicles, but also the establishment and enforcement of policies and procedures governing when, how, and by whom state-owned vehicles are used; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the Commonwealth's centralized vehicle fleet be managed economically, efficiently, fairly, and in accordance with best business practices; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission and the Auditor of Public Accounts be requested to study management of the Commonwealth's centralized vehicle fleet and use of government-owned motor vehicles by state employees. Such study shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, consideration of the following questions:

Are the numbers, types, and quality of fleet vehicles adequate to address the mission of the agencies that use them?

Are fleet vehicles being used in situations where mileage reimbursement to state employees can accomplish the same purpose?

Are public transportation vouchers an appropriate and cost-effective alternative to fleet vehicle use or mileage reimbursements?

Can outsourcing fleet maintenance save taxpayer dollars?

Are fleet maintenance operations accomplished more effectively in-house, rather than through

Is fleet vehicle leasing more cost-effective than fleet vehicle purchasing?

Are there sufficient and effective controls on fleet vehicle use by state employees to ensure that fleet vehicles are not being used for inappropriate personal transportation purposes?

All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance for this study, upon request.

The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission and the Auditor of Public Accounts shall complete their work by November 30, 2003, and shall submit their written findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 2004 Session of the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents.