

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2015 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB1595

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Taylor

**3. Committee:** General Laws

**4. Title:** Department of General Services; Alternative Fuel Vehicle Conversion Grant Fund.

**5. Summary:** Converts the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Conversion Fund into a grant fund for purposes of providing grants to assist agencies of the Commonwealth with the incremental cost of state-owned alternative fuel vehicles. The grant fund will also assist local government and agencies thereof and local school divisions with the incremental cost of such local government-owned alternative fuel vehicles. The bill provides that (i) grants from the Fund shall be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, and in the event the amount of grants requested in a fiscal year exceeds the funds available in the Fund, such grants shall be paid in the next fiscal year in which funds are available, and (ii) no single grant from the Fund shall exceed \$1 million.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Fiscal impact is indeterminate. See Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The bill provides that the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Conversion Fund be used to provide grants to state agencies and localities for the incremental cost of alternative fuel vehicles. Moneys currently residing in the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Conversion Fund come from federal funding provided to the Department of Mines Minerals and Energy (DMME) under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. As of January 29, 2015, \$4,135,367 was available in the fund. Funds are subject to provisions governing the use of federal funds as well as those of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and the federal Department of Energy (DOE) must approve of fund uses. DMME has loaned the funds to the Department of General Services (DGS) for use as a revolving loan program consistent with current code, as approved by DOE. In order to use existing monies in the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Conversion Fund, the change of the Fund from a loan to a grant program DOE approval would be needed. DMME also retains authority to recall the loan of these monies.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of General Services, Department of Mines Minerals and Energy

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None

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