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Introduced by Sen. PARKER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Investigations and Government Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to the "state workforce fuel reduction and conservation act"

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as
2 the "state workforce fuel reduction and conservation act".

3 § 2. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 201-b to
4 read as follows:

5 § 201-b. State workforce fuel reduction and conservation act. 1.
6 There shall be created within the office of general services a state
7 workforce fuel reduction and conservation program, which shall have the
8 purpose of developing and assisting in the implementation of strategies
9 to reduce gasoline consumption by the state's motor vehicular fleet, and
10 to reduce gasoline consumption through solo motor vehicle trips between
11 home and the workplace by state employees and state contractors.

12 2. The office of general services, in coordination with the governor's
13 office of employee relations and the office for technology, shall issue
14 a report to the governor and the legislature on or before November
15 fifteenth, two thousand twenty-four, setting forth a specific plan to
16 reduce the number of solo motor vehicle trips between home and the work-
17 place by state employees and state contractors. Such plan shall include,
18 at a minimum, proposals to promote the use of transportation other than
19 via single occupancy vehicles by state employees to and from the work-
20 place, and while at the workplace: proposals for the development,
21 promotion and implementation of a solo trip reduction program designed
22 to encourage state employees and state contractors to use an alternative
23 mode of commuting such as car or van pools, mass transit, biking or
24 walking; authorizing state agencies and authorities to permit alterna-

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 tive work schedules or telecommuting for all state employees and
2 contractors where doing so would result in a reduction in home-workplace
3 travel without decreasing employee efficiency; and a proposal to reim-
4 burse state employees and contractors for mass transit costs where doing
5 so results in a net reduction in solo motor vehicle trips.

6 3. The office of general services shall review the size of the state's
7 vehicular fleet, the policies governing the use of such fleet and the
8 actual use of such fleet, and shall issue to the governor and the legis-
9 lature on or before November fifteenth, two thousand twenty-four, a
10 specific plan to reduce the use of such fleet in order to reduce gaso-
11 line consumption.

12 § 3. Each state agency covered by section 201-b of the executive law,
13 establishing a program to increase the average passenger occupancy per
14 vehicle in commuting trips between home and the workplace, shall report
15 to the office of general services on the status of such program within
16 one hundred eighty days of the effective date of this act, and on the
17 fifteenth day of January in each year thereafter.

18 § 4. Each state agency that maintains its own vehicular fleet shall
19 perform a fuel efficiency audit of such fleet and shall provide such
20 audit to the office of general services within one hundred eighty days
21 of the effective date of this act.

22 § 5. The department of motor vehicles shall develop programs to
23 educate the driving public on "smart driving," trip reduction and vehi-
24 cle maintenance practices that are designed to maximize vehicle fuel
25 efficiency. The department shall issue a report to the governor and the
26 legislature on or before November 15, 2024 on the status of such
27 program.

28 § 6. Nothing in this act shall impair any agreements which may be made
29 as a result of collective bargaining or other negotiations between the
30 state and its affected employee organizations.

31 § 7. This act shall take effect immediately.