

# HOUSE BILL No. 1316

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 4-3-23-5; IC 4-4-32.3; IC 4-12-16; IC 8-23-20-25.3; IC 20-27-4-10.

**Synopsis:** Natural gas vehicle grant program. Establishes the natural gas vehicle grant program within the office of management and budget to award grants of \$5,000 to school corporations and certain municipalities toward the purchase of natural gas vehicles. Makes an appropriation. Repeals the alternative fuel vehicle grant program for local government units. Requires the Indiana department of transportation to amend certain publications and documents concerning general or specific service signs for compressed natural gas fueling stations.

**Effective:** July 1, 2015.

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January 13, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning transportation and to make an appropriation.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 4-3-23-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.34-2013, SECTION
- 2 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
- 3 2015]: Sec. 5. The office shall administer the following:
- 4 (1) The alternative fuel fueling station grant program under
- 5 IC 4-4-32.2.
- 6 ~~(2) The alternative fuel vehicle grant program for local units~~
- 7 ~~under IC 4-4-32.3.~~
- 8 ~~(3) (2) The energy development fund under IC 4-23-5.5-10.~~
- 9 ~~(4) (3) A low interest revolving loan program for certain energy~~
- 10 ~~efficiency or recycling projects, in consultation with the Indiana~~
- 11 ~~recycling market development board.~~
- 12 ~~(5) (4) The coal research grant fund under IC 4-23-5.5-16.~~
- 13 ~~(6) (5) The green industries fund under IC 5-28-34, in~~
- 14 ~~consultation with the Indiana economic development corporation.~~
- 15 ~~(7) (6) The office of alternative energy incentives established by~~



1 IC 8-1-13.1-9 and the alternative energy incentive fund  
2 established by IC 8-1-13.1-10.

3 ~~(8) (7)~~ The E85 fueling station grant program under IC 15-11-11,  
4 in consultation with the Indiana department of agriculture.

5 ~~(9) (8)~~ The center for coal technology research established by  
6 IC 21-47-4-1 and the coal technology research fund established  
7 by IC 21-47-4-5.

8 SECTION 2. IC 4-4-32.3 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
9 2015]. (Alternative Fuel Vehicle Grant Program for Local Units).

10 SECTION 3. IC 4-12-16 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
11 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
12 1, 2015]:

13 **Chapter 16. Natural Gas Vehicle Reimbursement Program**

14 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "municipality" has the meaning**  
15 **set forth in IC 36-1-2-11.**

16 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "natural gas" has the meaning**  
17 **set forth in IC 6-3.1-34.6-3.**

18 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "natural gas vehicle" means the**  
19 **following:**

20 (1) For a vehicle purchased by a school corporation, a school  
21 bus that runs on only natural gas.

22 (2) For a vehicle purchased by a municipality, a motor vehicle  
23 that runs on:

24 (A) natural gas; or

25 (B) natural gas and gasoline.

26 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "qualified purchase" refers to**  
27 **the purchase after June 30, 2014, of a natural gas vehicle by a**  
28 **school corporation or a municipality.**

29 **Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "school bus" has the meaning set**  
30 **forth in IC 20-27-2-8.**

31 **Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "school corporation" has the**  
32 **meaning set forth in IC 20-18-2-16.**

33 **Sec. 7. (a) This chapter applies to the following:**

34 (1) A school corporation that purchases school buses to  
35 provide transportation for students.

36 (2) A municipality with a population of more than five  
37 thousand (5,000).

38 (b) This chapter does not apply to a school corporation to the  
39 extent that the school corporation enters into a transportation  
40 contract (as defined in IC 20-27-2-12).

41 **Sec. 8. (a) The budget agency may award a grant under this**  
42 **chapter to a school corporation or municipality that makes a**



1 qualifying purchase.

2 (b) The amount of a grant under this chapter is five thousand  
3 dollars (\$5,000).

4 (c) A recipient of a grant under this chapter must comply with  
5 any guidelines developed by the budget agency under section 9 of  
6 this chapter.

7 (d) The budget agency may not award more than:

8 (1) three (3) grants to a school corporation;

9 (2) two (2) grants to a municipality with a population of at  
10 least fifteen thousand (15,000); or

11 (3) one (1) grant to a municipality with a population of more  
12 than five thousand (5,000) but less than fifteen thousand  
13 (15,000).

14 (e) The total amount of grants awarded under this chapter may  
15 not exceed five million dollars (\$5,000,000).

16 **Sec. 9. The budget agency shall do the following:**

17 (1) Adopt guidelines to determine standards for awarding  
18 grants under this chapter, including standards for  
19 determining whether a natural gas vehicle complies with  
20 applicable governmental or other nationally recognized  
21 standards.

22 (2) Prepare and supervise the issuance of information to  
23 school corporations and municipalities concerning the grant  
24 program established under this chapter.

25 (3) Prescribe the form for and regulate the submission of  
26 applications for grants under this chapter.

27 (4) Determine an applicant's eligibility for a grant under this  
28 chapter.

29 **Sec. 10. There is appropriated to the budget agency five million**  
30 **dollars (\$5,000,000) from the state general fund to carry out the**  
31 **purposes of this chapter.**

32 **Sec. 11. This chapter expires June 30, 2017.**

33 SECTION 4. IC 8-23-20-25.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
34 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
35 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: **Sec. 25.3. (a) Not later than December**  
36 **31, 2015, the department shall amend:**

37 (1) the Indiana Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices;

38 (2) the Indiana Department of Transportation Outdoor  
39 Advertising Control Manual; and

40 (3) applicable rules under 105 IAC 9-4;

41 as provided in subsection (b).

42 (b) The department shall amend the documents and publications



- 1 described in subsection (a) to:  
2 (1) eliminate criteria for general and specific service signs,  
3 including gas logo sign panels, that require:  
4 (A) modern sanitary facilities and drinking water; and  
5 (B) public telephones; or  
6 (2) establish criteria for general and specific service signs,  
7 including logo sign panels, for compressed natural gas fueling  
8 stations that do not require:  
9 (A) modern sanitary facilities and drinking water; or  
10 (B) public telephones.  
11 (c) This section expires January 1, 2016.  
12 SECTION 5. IC 20-27-4-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
13 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
14 1, 2015]: **Sec. 10. A school corporation that purchases a school bus**  
15 **under this chapter is eligible to apply for a grant under IC 4-12-16.**

