A BILL

To establish the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Study Committee.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. (A) There is hereby established the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Study Committee consisting of the following members:

(1) The chairperson and ranking minority member of the committee primarily responsible for transportation issues in the House of Representatives and the chairperson and ranking minority member of the committee primarily responsible for transportation issues in the Senate;

(2) The Director of Transportation or the Director's designee;

(3) The Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission or the Chairperson's designee;

(4) The Director of the Environmental Protection Agency or the Director's designee;
(5) A representative of a central Ohio public utility appointed by the Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission;

(6) A representative of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission appointed by the Commission;

(7) A representative of the Ohio Environmental Council appointed by the Council;

(8) A representative of Clean Fuels Ohio appointed by that organization;

(9) A representative of the City of Columbus appointed by the President of the Columbus City Council;

(10) A representative of the Columbus Partnership appointed by that organization.

(B) Appointments to the Study Committee shall be made not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Members of the Study Committee shall serve without compensation or reimbursement.

(C) The chairperson of the committee primarily responsible for transportation issues in the House of Representatives shall serve as the chairperson of the Study Committee. The Department of Transportation shall provide the Study Committee with any administrative assistance as determined necessary by the Study Committee.

(D) The Study Committee shall do all of the following:

(1) Examine local and state government efforts regarding the construction of infrastructure to support electric vehicles;

(2) Estimate the costs of constructing and maintaining a statewide infrastructure that supports electric vehicles;
(3) Identify funding sources to support the construction of infrastructure that supports electric vehicles;

(4) Develop recommendations for changes to state and local laws and policies that would help expand the use of electric vehicles;

(5) Study, and develop recommendations regarding, any other issue relevant to the use of electric vehicles in this state.

(E) The Study Committee shall complete a report with its findings and recommendations not later than May 31, 2020. The Study Committee shall submit the report to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate. The Study Committee also shall make the report available to the public.

(F) Upon submission of its report, the Study Committee shall cease to exist.

(G) As used in this section, "electric vehicle" means a vehicle that exclusively uses one or more electric motors for propulsion.