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To: Subst. House Bill No. **5464**

File No. 418

Cal. No. 302

(As Amended by House Amendment Schedule "A")

"AN ACT IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO OPERATE AUTOMATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SAFETY DEVICES ON LIMITED ACCESS HIGHWAYS."

1 Strike section 25 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
2 thereof:

3 "Sec. 25. Section 22a-201d of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

5 (a) As used in this section, (1) "zero-emission school bus" has the same
6 meaning as provided in 42 USC 16091(a)(8), as amended from time to
7 time, (2) "alternative fuel school bus" means a school bus that reduces

8 emissions and is operated entirely or in part using liquefied natural gas,
9 compressed natural gas, hydrogen, propane or biofuels, (3) "hybrid
10 school bus" means a school bus that uses (A) a combustion engine fueled
11 by gasoline, diesel, liquefied natural gas, compressed natural gas,
12 hydrogen, propane or biofuels, and (B) an electric motor capable of
13 propelling the bus that is powered by an electric battery or battery pack,
14 to provide vehicle propulsion from either the combustion engine or the
15 electric motor, or both, and [(3)] (4) "environmental justice community"
16 has the same meaning as provided in subsection (a) of section 22a-20a.

17 (b) [Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, (1) on] On
18 and after January 1, [2035] 2040, one hundred per cent of the school
19 buses that provide transportation for all school districts in the state shall
20 be zero-emission school buses, [or] alternative fuel school buses [, and
21 (2) on and after January 1, 2040, one hundred per cent of the school buses
22 that provide transportation for all school districts in the state shall be
23 zero-emission] or hybrid school buses.

24 [(c) On and after January 1, 2030, one hundred per cent of the school
25 buses that provide transportation for school districts entirely within an
26 environmental justice community as of July 1, 2022, or in an area that
27 encompasses at least one environmental justice community as of July 1,
28 2022, shall be zero-emission school buses.]

29 [(d)] (c) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection
30 shall establish and administer a grant program for the purpose of
31 providing [matching] a portion of the funds necessary for
32 municipalities, school districts and school bus operators [to submit
33 federal grant applications in order] to maximize federal, state or other
34 sources of funding or financing for the purchase or lease of zero-
35 emission school buses, alternative fuel school buses, hybrid school buses
36 and electric vehicle charging or fueling infrastructure. Applications for
37 such grants shall be filed with the commissioner at such time and in such
38 manner as the commissioner prescribes. The commissioner shall give
39 preference to applications concerning the purchase or lease of a zero-
40 emission school bus that will be operated primarily in an environmental

41 justice community. The commissioner shall determine the amount a
42 municipality, school district or school bus operator shall be required to
43 provide to match such grant.

44 [(e)] (d) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection
45 shall, within available funds and appropriations, provide
46 administrative and technical assistance to municipalities, school
47 districts and school bus operators that are transitioning to the use of
48 zero-emission school buses, [applying] alternative fuel school buses and
49 hybrid school buses that apply for federal grants for such buses and for
50 installing electric vehicle charging and fueling infrastructure."

51 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
52 internal references accordingly:

53 "Sec. 501. Subsection (h) of section 22a-202 of the 2026 supplement to
54 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
55 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

56 (h) There is established an account to be known as the "Connecticut
57 hydrogen and electric automobile purchase rebate program account",
58 which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account. The account shall contain
59 any moneys required by law to be deposited in the account. Moneys in
60 the account shall be expended by the Commissioner of Energy and
61 Environmental Protection for the purposes of (1) administering the
62 Connecticut Hydrogen and Electric Automobile Purchase Rebate
63 program and the voucher program established pursuant to section 22a-
64 201e, and (2) paying the staffing needs associated with administering
65 the grant program for zero-emission buses, alternative fuel school buses
66 and hybrid school buses and providing administrative and technical
67 assistance for such grant program pursuant to section 22a-201d, as
68 amended by this act."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 25	October 1, 2026	22a-201d

Sec. 501	October 1, 2026	22a-202(h)
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