



General Assembly

Amendment

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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 of House Amendment Schedule "A" and substitute
2 the following in lieu thereof:

3 "Sec. 25. Section 22a-201d of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 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, and (3)
10 ["environmental justice community" has the same meaning as provided
11 in subsection (a) of section 22a-20a] "distressed municipality" means a

12 municipality that is a distressed municipality under the provisions of
13 subsection (b) of section 32-9p on July 1, 2026.

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

21 (2) Not later than July 1, 2029, each municipality that is not a
22 distressed municipality shall submit a plan and schedule to the
23 commissioner that outlines how such municipality will achieve
24 compliance with the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection.

25 (c) (1) On and after [January 1, 2030, one hundred] July 1, 2040, fifty
26 per cent of the school buses that provide transportation for [school
27 districts entirely within an environmental justice community as of July
28 1, 2022, or in an area that encompasses at least one environmental justice
29 community as of July 1, 2022,] each school district in a distressed
30 municipality shall be zero-emission school buses.

31 (2) Not later than July 1, 2035, each distressed municipality shall
32 submit a plan and schedule to the Commissioner of Energy and
33 Environmental Protection that outlines how such distressed
34 municipality will achieve compliance with the provisions of subdivision
35 (1) of this subsection.

36 (d) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, in
37 consultation with the Connecticut Green Bank, shall establish and
38 administer a grant program for the purpose of providing [matching] a
39 portion of the funds necessary for municipalities, school districts and
40 school bus operators [to submit federal grant applications in order] to
41 maximize federal, state or other sources of funding or financing for the
42 purchase or lease of zero-emission school buses and electric vehicle

43 charging or fueling infrastructure. Applications for such grants shall be
44 filed with the commissioner at such time and in such manner as the
45 commissioner prescribes. The commissioner shall give preference to
46 applications concerning the purchase or lease of a zero-emission school
47 bus that will be operated [primarily in an environmental justice
48 community. The commissioner shall determine the amount a
49 municipality, school district or school bus operator shall be required to
50 provide to match such grant] in a distressed municipality.

51 (e) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall,
52 within available funds and appropriations, provide administrative and
53 technical assistance to municipalities, school districts and school bus
54 operators that are transitioning to the use of zero-emission school buses,
55 applying for federal grants for such buses and installing electric vehicle
56 charging and fueling infrastructure."

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