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H. R. 2906

To reauthorize the Clean School Bus Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CÁRDENAS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Clean Commute for
5 Kids Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF CLEAN SCHOOL BUSES PRO-**

7 **GRAM.**

8 (a) DEFINITIONS.—

9 (1) ALTERNATIVE FUEL.—Section 741(a)(2) of
10 the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16091(a))
11 is amended—

1 (A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “or”
2 after the semicolon;

3 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking the
4 period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

5 (C) by adding at the end the following new
6 subparagraph:

7 “(D) electricity.”.

8 (2) CLEAN SCHOOL BUS.—Section 741(a)(3) of
9 the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C.
10 16091(a)(3)) is amended by striking “that—” and
11 all that follows through “(B) is operated” and in-
12 serting “that is operated”.

13 (b) PROGRAM FOR RETROFIT OR REPLACEMENT OF
14 CERTAIN EXISTING SCHOOL BUSES WITH CLEAN
15 SCHOOL BUSES.—

16 (1) PRIORITY OF GRANT APPLICATIONS.—Sec-
17 tion 741(b)(2) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42
18 U.S.C. 16091(b)(2)) is amended—

19 (A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting be-
20 fore the period at the end “with clean school
21 buses with low or zero emissions”; and

22 (B) by amending subparagraph (B) to read
23 as follows:

1 “(B) RETROFITTING.—In the case of
2 grant applications to retrofit school buses, the
3 Administrator shall give—

4 “(i) highest priority to applicants that
5 propose to retrofit school buses manufac-
6 tured in or after model year 1991 to be-
7 come clean school buses with low or zero
8 emissions; and

9 “(ii) second highest priority to appli-
10 cants that otherwise propose to retrofit
11 school buses manufactured in or after
12 model year 1991 to become clean school
13 buses.”.

14 (2) USE OF SCHOOL BUS FLEET.—Section
15 741(b)(3)(B) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42
16 U.S.C. 16091(b)(3)(B)) is amended by inserting
17 “charged,” after “operated,”.

18 (3) REPLACEMENT GRANTS.—Paragraph (5) of
19 section 741(b) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42
20 U.S.C. 16091(b)) is amended to read as follows:

21 “(5) REPLACEMENT GRANTS.—In the case of
22 grants to replace school buses—

23 “(A) the Administrator may award the
24 grants for up to 60 percent of the replacement
25 costs; and

1 “(B) such replacement costs may include
2 the costs of acquiring the clean school buses
3 and charging and fueling infrastructure.”.

4 (4) ULTRA LOW-SULFUR DIESEL FUEL.—Sec-
5 tion 741(b) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42
6 U.S.C. 16091(b)) is amended—

7 (A) by striking paragraph (6); and

8 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (7) and
9 (8) as paragraphs (6) and (7), respectively.

10 (c) EDUCATION.—Paragraph (1) of section 741(c) of
11 the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16091(c)) is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days
14 after the date of enactment of the Clean Commute
15 for Kids Act of 2019, the Administrator shall de-
16 velop an education outreach program to promote and
17 explain the grant program under subsection (b), as
18 amended by such Act.”.

19 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
20 741(d) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C.
21 16091(d)) is amended by striking “until expended—” and
22 all that follows through the end of the subsection and in-
23 serting “until expended, \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal
24 years 2021 through 2025.”.

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