

CLEAN FUEL SCHOOL BUSES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Stephen G. Handy

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill provides grants to replace school buses and to create infrastructure for alternative fuel vehicles.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ allows the State Board of Education to award a grant to a school district or charter school to:
 - replace a school bus manufactured before 2002 with a new school bus that uses CNG, propane, or clean diesel fuel;
 - install an alternative fuel fueling station for a school bus that uses alternative fuel and that may be accessed by a governmental entity or the public to fuel an alternative fuel vehicle; or
 - retrofit a bus shop to service and maintain a school bus that uses alternative fuel;
- ▶ requires the State Board of Education to make rules related to the awarding of a grant, including rules that:
 - specify criteria for selecting a grant recipient; and
 - require a grant recipient to provide funding matches in an amount that is greater than or equal to the amount of a grant received; and
- ▶ requires the State Board of Education to:



- 28 • facilitate training for bus drivers and bus shop technicians on the operation and
- 29 maintenance of a school bus that uses alternative fuel; and
- 30 • make a report to the Legislature.

31 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

32 This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2016:

- 33 ▶ to the State Board of Education - Utah State Office of Education - Initiative
- 34 Programs as a one-time appropriation:
- 35 • from the Education Fund, One-time, \$20,000,000.

36 **Other Special Clauses:**

37 This bill provides a special effective date.

38 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

39 ENACTS:

40 **53A-17a-127.5**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



42 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

43 Section 1. Section **53A-17a-127.5** is enacted to read:

44 **53A-17a-127.5. Grants for school buses and alternative fuel infrastructure.**

45 (1) As used in this section:

46 (a) "Alternative fuel" means CNG or propane.

47 (b) "Board" means the State Board of Education.

48 (c) "Clean diesel fuel" means diesel fuel with a sulfur content of no more than 15 parts
49 per million (ppm).

50 (d) "CNG" means compressed natural gas.

51 (2) The board may award a grant to a school district or charter school to:

52 (a) replace a school bus manufactured before 2002 with a new school bus that uses
53 CNG, propane, or clean diesel fuel;

54 (b) install an alternative fuel fueling station:

55 (i) for a school bus that uses alternative fuel; and

56 (ii) that may be accessed by a governmental entity or the public to fuel an alternative
57 fuel vehicle; or

58 (c) retrofit a bus shop to service and maintain a school bus that uses alternative fuel.

90 may expend:

91 (1) up to \$13,000,000 for grants for new school buses pursuant to Section

92 53A-17a-127.5; and

93 (2) up to \$7,000,000 for grants for alternative fuel fueling stations and bus shop

94 retrofits pursuant to Section 53A-17a-127.5.

95 **Section 3. Effective date.**

96 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), this bill takes effect on May 12, 2015.

97 (2) Section 2, Appropriation, takes effect on July 1, 2015.

Legislative Review Note

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