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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CONNECTICUT CLEAN DIESEL PLAN.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than January 1, 2006,
2 the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, in consultation with
3 the Commissioner of Transportation, the Commissioner of Public
4 Works and the Commissioner of Education shall, in accordance with
5 the provisions of this section, develop a Connecticut clean diesel plan.

6 (b) The Connecticut clean diesel plan shall address the following:

7 (1) A strategy to reduce the level of diesel emissions from motor
8 buses, as defined in section 14-1 of the general statutes, by eighty-five
9 per cent not later than December 31, 2010, and an estimate of the cost
10 to the state or municipalities of implementing such strategy;

11 (2) A strategy to phase out, not later than December 31, 2010, the use
12 of school buses that are more than ten years old, or to retrofit all school
13 buses with tailpipe emissions controls to achieve emissions levels
14 equivalent to newer buses, and an estimate of the cost to the state or
15 municipalities of implementing such strategy;

16 (3) A strategy to retrofit all school buses, not later than December 31,

17 2007, to prevent diesel emissions from entering the bus from the crank
18 case ventilation system, and an estimate regarding the cost to the state
19 or municipalities of implementing such strategy;

20 (4) The feasibility and cost to the state or municipalities of requiring,
21 on and after July 1, 2007, the following contracts to contain provisions
22 requiring the use of ultra low sulfur diesel fuel and best available
23 emission control technology in all the construction equipment
24 servicing the subject project: (A) Construction contracts with the state,
25 which contracts are valued at more than ten million dollars, and (B)
26 contracts executed after July 1, 2007, relating to work on the New
27 Haven Crossing Corridor Improvement Program;

28 (5) A strategy for reducing fine particulate matter diesel emissions
29 in the state, not later than January 1, 2015, to levels seventy-five per
30 cent below those levels emitted in 2005, and not later than January 1,
31 2020, to levels eighty-five per cent below those levels emitted in 2005,
32 including a reference to regional and federal actions and existing
33 federal rules;

34 (6) A strategy for leveraging federal funds and for securing funds
35 from other sources to defray the costs of meeting the goals set forth in
36 subdivisions (1) to (5), inclusive, of this subsection; and

37 (7) Recommendations for programs and policies to raise awareness
38 about the health risks and climate impacts associated with diesel
39 particulate matter pollution and the solutions available for reducing
40 emissions of diesel particulate matter.

41 (c) Not later than June 30, 2005, the Commissioner of Environmental
42 Protection shall develop an Internet web site to post information on the
43 Connecticut clean diesel plan and to provide a forum for ongoing
44 written public comment on the plan.

45 (d) Not later than July 30, 2005, the Commissioner of Environmental
46 Protection shall hold a public hearing for the purpose of gathering

47 information for the development of the Connecticut clean diesel plan.
48 Not later than December 1, 2005, the commissioner shall hold a public
49 hearing for the purpose of gathering public comments on a draft of the
50 plan. The commissioner shall provide public notice of such hearings in
51 newspapers that have substantial circulation in the state and, when
52 available, on the Internet web site developed pursuant to subsection (c)
53 of this section, not later than two weeks prior to the date of the
54 hearing.

55 (e) Upon the finalization of the Connecticut clean diesel plan, the
56 Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall submit the plan, in
57 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
58 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
59 cognizance of matters relating to the environment, transportation,
60 public works and education, and recommendations for legislation to
61 implement such plan. The final plan shall contain an addendum of all
62 public comments received by the commissioner. The commissioner
63 shall post a copy of the final plan and the addendum on the Internet
64 web site developed pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To develop a Connecticut clean diesel plan to reduce the health risks from diesel pollution and to help the state meet federal air quality standards for fine particulate matter.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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