



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 573

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 291

Senate, April 20, 2006

The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. HARP of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT REDUCING DIESEL EMISSIONS INSIDE SCHOOL BUSES.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The Commissioner of
2 Transportation shall establish, within available appropriations, a
3 program to provide grants to municipalities to equip their school buses
4 with a closed crank-case ventilation system designed to substantially
5 reduce or eliminate diesel fine particulate matter emissions from
6 entering the school bus cabins. The regional or local board of education
7 of the municipality shall apply to the commissioner, on a form
8 prescribed by the commissioner, in order to receive said grants.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
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Joint Favorable Subst. C/R

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The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 07 \$	FY 08 \$
Department of Transportation	TF - Cost	Potential Significant	Potential Significant
Education, Dept.	GF - Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: TF=Transportation Fund; GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 07 \$	FY 08 \$
All Municipalities	Revenue Gain	Potential	Potential

Explanation

This bill results in a potential cost of \$6.5 million to the State Department of Transportation (DOT) in order to provide grants to municipalities to retrofit school buses and reduce diesel emissions. Any funds provided would be a revenue gain to municipalities. No funds have been provided to DOT in FY 07 for this purpose, however the budget as passed by the Appropriations Committee does contain \$2.5 million from the FY 06 surplus for use in FY 07 within the State Department of Education for such use.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 28 Nay 0 (03/16/2006)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 52 Nay 0 (03/31/2006)